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NEW RULERS China's Vice President Xi Jinping (front, left) and Vice Premier Li Keqiang (front, right) leave their seats at the close of the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Wednesday. Xi is taking over as president and Li as prime minister over the next five months. AFP PHOTO

Hunt on for scam brains

New order dynasty reshaping China

BEIJING—President Hu Jintao stepped aside as leader of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on Wednesday to clear the way for Vice President Xi Jinping to assume China's helm as part of only the second orderly transfer of power in 63 years of communist rule.

Hu, who will remain president until March, and senior leaders mostly in their 80s are handing over power to the leaders in waiting, Xi, and other colleagues in their late 50s over the next several months.

The new leadership faces daunting challenges, including slowing growth in the world's No. 2 economy, rising unrest among increasingly assertive citizens and delicate relations with neighboring countries.

In keeping with the widely anticipated succession plans, Hu was not reelected member of the CPC Central Committee on the final day of the party's 18th National Congress, showing that he's no longer in the

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US sex scandal began in Florida

SPYFALL WOMEN Paparazzi have photographed the two women at the center of the sex scandal that has led to the downfall of CIA Director David Petraeus, his biographer and paramour Paula Broadwell (left) and Florida socialite and family friend Jill Kelley (above). AP

DAVIDA, Florida—The sex scandal that felled CIA Director David Petraeus has its roots in this southern US city, host to MacDill Air Force Base that serves as the headquarters of two of America's most important military commands.

The suddenly public story—by turns tragic and silly—involves a Florida socialite, a jealous rival, a love letter in a messy custody dispute and forty e-mails. (See related story in The World, Page A28.)

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Amalilio sighted in Sabah, says NBI

By Nico Alconaba and Richel Umel
Inquirer Mindanao
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and Christine O. Avendaño
in Manila

DAVAO CITY—Philippine authorities have launched a manhunt for the brains behind the pyramid scam that duped some 15,000 people in Mindanao and the Visayas of P12 billion.

But Manuel R. Amalilio, a 32-year-old founder of Aman Futures Group Phils. Inc., who is reportedly of Filipino-Malaysian descent, has left the country for Sabah, Malaysia. Amalilio's Malaysian name is Mohammad Saffian Saidi.

The Philippines has no extradition or mutual legal assistance treaties with Malaysia, according

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8 party-list groups get Comelec reprieve

By Christine O. Avendaño
and Jocelyn R. Uy

NOT FOUR but eight party-list groups, including the one led by ex-convict Romeo Jalosjos Jr., which were earlier barred by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) from taking part in next year's elections, got a reprieve from the Supreme Court.

This developed as the Comelec disqualified 10 more party-list organizations claiming to represent governments employees, farmers, migrant workers and orphans.

One of them was a group supposedly created by Efraim Genuino, former chair of Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) who faces charges involving irregularities at the state-run casino operator.

But the poll body allowed a group representing Filipino nurses—Ang Nars Inc.—to take part in the May elections.

The Supreme Court en banc yesterday released a resolution requiring the Comelec and eight party-list groups to "observe the status quo prevailing" before the poll body issued the resolutions against them.

Kapatiran ng mga Nakulong ng Walang Sala Inc. of Jalosjos and three others joined Alex Boncayao Brigade Collective, 1st Consumers Alliance for Rural Energy Inc. and Alliance for Rural Concerns, which the media

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Beijing unveils new attack helicopter

SHANGHAI—China has unveiled a new attack helicopter as it seeks to rival similar aircraft made by the United States and Russia, state media said on Wednesday.

A unit of China Aviation Industry Corp. (AVIC) showed off the WZ-10, or "Thunder Fire," for the first time in public at the country's premier airshow in the southern city of Zhuhai, the China Daily newspaper said.

China is displaying a range of military hardware, including a new drone and a model of a next-generation fighter plane at

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Contractor questions Subic tests

By Robert Gonzaga
Inquirer Central Luzon

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—A US Navy contractor on Wednesday questioned the accuracy of the results of laboratory tests on the wastewater samples that the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) collected from its vessel last month, saying the integrity of the sample used and the procedure applied in testing it needed verification.

"First, did the samples come from where they claim these came from? Second, did they properly observe 'fingerprinting' of samples?" retired Vice Adm. Mateo Mayuga, chair and CEO of Glenn Defense Marine Asia Philippines Inc., said in a statement.

Mayuga said "fingerprinting" means that surrounding waters must be tested "to find out if the

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'Sin tax' bill favors imports–Enrile

By Cathy Yamsuan

THE SIN tax bill being debated in Congress tends to favor imported cigarettes as it appears the proposed tax increases on tobacco products do not cover foreign brands, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile said yesterday.

According to Enrile, the problem is a question of equity. "My impression is that the bill tends to favor the entry of foreign manufactured tobacco products to the detriment of local products that are traditional grown in the country," he said.

Enrile cited a statement made Sen. Ferdinand Defensor, the acting chair of the ways and means committee, during the plenary debates on the bill.

"We are not certain at this point whether a higher tax rate for imported cigarettes would be in compliance and consistent with the country's obligations under GATT (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade)," he quoted Defensor as saying.

Under GATT, the international trade agreement that the Philippines signed in 1994, all signatories automatically become members of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and are required to adhere to provisions that some of its critics claim are unfavorable to Philippine agriculture.

Defensor said the members of the ways and means committee "[had] not studied" whether the WTO provisions allowed higher taxes to be imposed on tobacco products imported into the country.

WTO rules require members to allow access liberalized trading arrangements among fellow members.

Sen. Edgardo Angara was also keen to raise ahead Oct. reminder even before the start of Senate debates on the tax bill. Angara was the Senate President when the chamber ratified the GATT.

Enrile clarified that he is "in favor of enforcing [an] additional tax" on the products if the rate is to provide funds for the government's health care program.

However, he observed that it was unclear whether imported cigarettes would be covered once the sin tax rate of P32 additional tax per pack of cigarettes takes effect.

As it is, the sale of imported cigarettes cannot be stopped because "we have to comply with the WTO," he said.

"What would be the rate of increase, if any, for imported cigarettes to be marketed in the country where we put in place sin tax rate?" he asked.

Enrile's earlier explained that "[products] of excesses" in taxes on tobacco products would make a pack of low-priced cigarettes cost P34 more while a high-priced brand would cost P68 more if the sin tax bill is approved.

In two to three years, the bill provides that the Bureau of Internal Revenue impose a uniform rate of P32 per pack for low- and high-end cigarettes.

The Aquino administration is aiming for a 60-percent increase in taxes of tobacco products to discourage the consumers aimed at curbing alcohol and cigarette addiction among Filipinos and, at the same time, increasing revenues.

The Senate is racing against time to pass the measure, with Enrile reminding his colleagues that they have until Nov. 30 to approve it.

Meanwhile, Malacañang yesterday declared an advertisement by local tobacco growers that claimed the sin tax bill could increase taxes on popular cigarette brands by more than 1,000 percent.

"The appearance of that ad would imply that upon the passing of the sin tax bill into law the increase will be immediately 1,000 percent. That is incorrect," said presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda.

"The sin tax right now is P11.72 (per pack of cigarettes). Next year, it will be P12. That's hardly 1,000 (percent). After that, P12, and it reaches in 2016 to P32," said Lacierda, without specifying any particular brand.

Even with the passage of the tax, cigarettes in the cheapest will still have the lowest price in town, he said.

A pack of the lowest-priced brand in Thailand is sold at P71.726 in Vietnam, and P46.50 in Indonesia, Lacierda claimed. With Michael Lim Ubac

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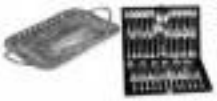

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Doomed Pinoy gets 4-month reprieve in Saudi

By Tara Quintumbo

THE GOVERNMENT of Saudi Arabia has stayed the execution of Filipina migrant worker Joselito Zapanta by four more months, giving the family more time to raise blood money to settle with the family of his Sudanese victim.

Vice President Jejomar Binay said yesterday that Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud heeded his appeal for the deferment of Zapanta's execution, originally scheduled Nov. 14 and tentatively extended by a month.

"The very good news is that the execution was stayed. He was given a deferment of four months," said Binay yesterday.

He said the stay was "supposed to be unconditional and nonnegotiable," the official said.

Binay said the family of Saleh Imam Bodiam, the Sudanese national that Zapanta killed over a dispute on rent payment, also agreed to reduce the blood money from 7 million Saudi Riyal (roughly P83 million) to 4 million Saudi Riyal (P44 million).

The Vice President had appealed to the Saudi King to extend the stay on Zapanta's execution and asked monetary assistance from the government to help the family of Bodiam settle the blood money.

Binay appealed to Filipinos and the private sector to raise funds for Zapanta's blood money.

He also commended the Philippine Embassy for keeping close watch on the Filipino's case.

"Up to the last minute, they did not stop looking for ways to extend the deadline. We want to change the notion that the government did not do anything, especially the embassy," Binay said.

Another overseas Filipino worker (OFW) on death row, Rodelio "Tisoy" Lacuata is also fewer while trying to raise 2 million riyal (about P22 million) in blood money to escape his seven executors. Lacuata was convicted of killing a Saudi national but he said it happened in self-defense. Recently, a statement from the Embassy said the family of the Saudi victim also expressed willingness to forgive Lacuata if he could raise the money.

It was reported that in the Middle East, at least 27 OFWs, including four women, are facing the death penalty.

Prolife group rallies behind besieged Sotto

By Philip C. Tubeza

A PROLIFE group yesterday rallied behind beleaguered Senate Majority Floor Leader Vicente "Tito" Sotto III, who is accused by his critics of being an unrepentant serial plagiarist.

Anthony James Perez, president of Filipinos for Life, said Sotto was being subjected "trial by publicity" because of his opposition to the controversial Reproductive Health (RH) bill.

"On behalf of all the members of Filipinos for Life, I would like to extend to you our support for your and our public cause. There must be very difficult times for you and your family, especially when you say that the public has engaged in a trial by publicity instead of focusing on the issues that will matter to this nation," Perez said in a letter to Sotto.

"We have always held you in the highest regard and this is the reason we offered our assistance to you and your staff in handling the RH bill. Rest assured that our feeling has changed, and that we are always at your disposal," he added.

Antiplagiarism on Tuesday filed a complaint against Sotto before the Senate ethics committee for plagiarizing the work of others when he delivered three speeches against the RH bill months ago.

Sotto also got words of sympathy from election lawyer Gemalin Macalintal. In a "letter of concern" to the Senate ethics committee, Macalintal said he believed Sotto's honesty "would even be proud that Senate majority leader Tito Sotto used a speech he delivered against apostasy in 1998 in the fight against government-endorsed contraception."

The late senator's daughter Inez, president of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human rights, had reportedly accused Sotto of discussing her father's "line of Affirmation" speech, using it without attribution and passing off his own work as his own just because the senator had translated the portions he used in Filipino.

Yet another letter of support for Sotto came from a group calling itself Responsible Internet Users for Social Empowerment (CyberRISE) which asked the committee to ignore the ethics complaints against Sotto.

With a report from Cathy Rebusquin

House leaders pressed on FOI

By Leila B. Salaverria

ADVOCATES of the freedom of information (FOI) bill are calling on the House leadership to ensure that the measure is voted on in the next hearing by allowing the proceedings to extend beyond the 4 p.m. deadline, if necessary.

The vote after last Tuesday's hearing of the public information committee was derailed by technical issues. Bataan's Representative Geraldine Roman, the committee chair, cut short the proceedings for lack of time in the House plenary session was about to begin.

Under House rules, committee hearings cannot go beyond 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, the session day of plenary sessions, unless allowed by House leaders.

Bagos Rep. Wilfly Fegalan and advocates of the measure want to vote this coming Wednesday ahead the next committee hearing so that they can oppose any dilatory tactics and ensure that the bill is finally enacted.

"We got blindsided in the last hearing. It's unfortunate if it happens again in the next hearing... But must have the vote next time," Fegalan said.

Party-list member Teddy Casiño (Bayan Muna) said House leaders should "make up their minds if they want the bill or not and prepare for the hearing. By getting the permanent Speaker rules necessary for an extension.

Another Bayan Muna member, Neri Colmenares, warned that if the next hearing turns out to be a farce, those in support of the bill may have to resort to drastic action.

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US sex scandal: It all began in Tampa, Florida

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A major figure in the still unfolding scandal is the Tampa socialite, Jill Kelley, and her husband, Scott, who moved to this city almost a decade ago, taking up residence in a huge waterfront home with a spectacular view of the water on Bayshore Boulevard, the city's most fashionable street.

The couple quickly established themselves as social hosts in the powerful four-star officers who run Central Command and Special Operations Command.

The Kelleys are known for their lavish parties, with gift-wrapped bottles, flowing champagne, valet parking and cigars for guests from nearby MacDill Air Force Base, including Petraeus and Gen. John R. Allen, who now commands US troops in Afghanistan.

"Tampa is the kind of community where, if you're new to the community, you can serve and your wife visits," said Ben Iorio, the city's former mayor, who recalls mingling with Petraeus and his wife at the Kelleys' home. "They decided to connect a niche with the military."

Social link

How the social link between Tampa's military and civilian elite is at the center of an unfolding Washington scandal that has already cost Petraeus his job as director of the Central Intelligence Agency and has ensnared Gen. Allen, who was Petraeus' deputy when he was based in Tampa from 2008 to 2010.

At the heart of the investigation is Jill Kelley, 37, a friend of Petraeus. The Federal Bureau of Investigation first told Petraeus' downfall on CIA director when she complained about getting threatening anonymous e-mails.

The e-mails turned out to have been written by Petraeus' 40-year-old mistress and biographer, Paula Broadwell, who apparently was jealous of the attention the general paid to Kelley. Petraeus acknowledged the affair and resigned on Friday.

On Tuesday, General Allen was caught up in the scandal after investigators uncovered 20,000 plus pages of documents and e-mails that involved Allen and Jill Kelley. Some of the material was characterized as "flirtatious."

Allen, 58, insisted he had done nothing wrong and worked to save his unparalled career. Associates of the generals say the charges were unfounded.

President Barack Obama also voiced support for Allen but nonetheless put a hold on the latter's nomination to become the next commander of US European Command as well as the NATO supreme allied commander in Europe.

Lawsuits over debts

Records show that Jill Kelley and her husband, a doctor, have been involved in a number of lawsuits over debts, according to a report in the Tampa Bay Times, which said the Kelleys owed a bank nearly $12.2 million, including attorney fees, on a building they own.

The couple also have opened charity, which appears to be defunct. A 2009 tax filing, the latest available, shows the charity raised $12,298 that year, but spent just $98,410 on program services, described as consulting research to improve the lives of terminally ill adult cancer patients.

The couple's parties, though, were the talk of the town.

In February 2010, a gossipy column in The Tampa Bay Times reported that Petraeus and his wife penned a note to the city police officers who were working a private, themed party at the Kelleys' home, to mark Tampa's Gasparilla Pirate Fest, an annual event.

Guests dined on lamb chops and crab cakes, beside hot dog and funnel cake carts, the paper said.

Well regarded

The Kelley couple appeared to be well regarded at MacDill, home to Central Command, which runs the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and hosts officers from more than 30 foreign countries, and Special Operations Command, which trains commandos for missions like the one that killed Osama bin Laden.

"He has commands at odds by side on the base, where generals, admirals and other high-ranking officers live behind armed guards on a spit of land that juts into Tampa Bay. Often, they invite community leaders to social receptions at their own.

Indeed, Petraeus and his wife gave an olive to the Kelleys that they hosted the couple and Kelley's best friends, Natalie Khawam, for Christmas dinner last year. Both General Allen and Petraeus also wrote letters to a District of Columbia court recalling for Khawam in a child custody dispute.

"That kind of closeness — and the Kelleys' family ties — within career military circles as odd.

"I have never known there ever [private] around generals," said Jacie Cottrell, the military spouse editor of the website military.com. "But parties in every other field of endeavor. There is a certain excitement around people that have great power. And generals, the captains of industry and certain kinds of celebrities, wield a certain kind of power."

Driving force

MacDill Air Force Base is a driving force behind the Tampa economy. The base has been of economic estimates $8.7 billion a year flows into the Tampa Bay area from the base.

Military contractors and other defense-related companies dot the city. Businesses have also flourished on the plentiful strip clubs and steakhouses.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the base only grew in importance, as Central Command and Special Operations Command took on leading roles in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The two high-level commands on the same base put MacDill at the center of American military activity. The Central Command commander is typically a four-star.

Yet also locked at like the CEO of Chrysler is in Detroit," said Roger Stoltzfus, a retired military officer who lives here. "Bigger than the mayor. He could have a whole bingo we have money to the community."

The community welcomes commanders who are outsiders when they arrive.

"Generally when they get down here they have no connections to Tampa but immediately, they become part of the fabric of the community," said John Lewis, a former federal prosecutor in New York who has lived in Tampa for the past 20 years. "People reach out to them, and it's just a love to them."

A bit suspicious of her

Jill Kelley involved herself to dizzying that circumstances, and fashioned as a kind of social liaison between the military commanders and the community. But some have been a bit suspicious of her.

Tampa is, at least, a cosmopolitan city whose local prominent citizens have friends in foreign countries — the daughter of Lebanese immigrants who grew up in Philadelphia, another husband, Scott, a career surgeon, an international newcomers.

They were often seen at the Tampa Yacht and Country Club; the late George Steinbrenner, the colorful owner of the New York Yankees, was a member. And Kelley and her twin sister raised eyebrows for their 2002 appearance on a Fox Network reality show "Found Fifty."

While other prominent Tampa residents were supporting the military in other ways — raising money for wounded veterans, serving Thanksgiving meals at returning troops, helping military children with medical needs — the Kelleys stuck mostly to social events, according to interviews with friends and acquaintances.

When foreign dignitaries visited Central Command, the wife of the command's generals could count on the Kelleys to host a dinner in the dignitaries' honor.

Even as news of Kelley's connection to the emerging Petraeus scandal began spiraling on Sunday morning, the deputy commander of Central Command, Vice Adm. Robert S. Harward, was attending a party at the Kelleys' home. Reports: Stolz Stoltzfus Tbell Times News Service and AP

FLORIDA CONNECTION: In this Jan. 26, 2011 photo, Natalie Khawam (left), Gen. David Petraeus, Scott and Jill Kelley, and Holly Petraeus watch the Gasparilla parade from the corridors of a suite on the Kelley's home in Tampa, Florida. Jill is identified as the woman who received harassing e-mails from Gen. David Petraeus' paramour, Paula Broadwell. Jill serves as an unpaid social liaison at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, where America's Central Command and Special Operations Command are located.

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FDA airs warning vs tainted choco powder

THE FOOD and Drug Administration (FDA) yesterday warned the public against buying Nestlé's Nesquick Chocolate Powder after some of its samples were recalled in the United States due to possible contamination with salmonella bacteria.

FDA acting director Kenneth Hartigan-Go noted that Nestlé USA had voluntarily recalled some batches of Nesquick Classic, Extra Chocolate in 10.9, 21.6, and 40.7 ounce containers "due to possible presence of salmonella."

Hartigan-Go also said the affected Nestle Chocolate Powder products were "produced early October 2012" and had the expiration date of October 2014.

"Those who have purchased these products should not consume it and should return them to the place of purchase for a refund," Hartigan-Go said in a statement.

Secretary Hartigan-Go pointed out that Nesquick Chocolate Powder was not registered with the FDA Philippines. — Philip C. Tubeza

New order dynasty reshaping China

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leadership, two delegates said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the official list of members had not yet been released.

It was still unclear whether Hu would relinquish his most powerful remaining position as head of the commission that oversees the military, or hold onto it for a transitional period as previous retiring leaders have done.

Delegates said they cheered when the announced results of secret balloting showed that Xi had been unanimously chosen by the Central Committee, a step ensured being named to the topmost panel, the Politburo Standing Committee, and his looming CPC leader.

Li Keqiang, designated as the next premier, also was elected to the Central Committee, the state Xinhua News Agency said.

In the first day of the weeklong party congress drew to a close in the Great Hall of the People, after reporters were invited into the auditorium processed, top, its gathered papers before him on the dais of leaders, shook hands with people in the front and bowed him and walked off the stage.

CHINESE AIR POWER Nine J-10 fighter jets from the People's Liberation Army Air Force August 1st Aerobatics Team fly past each other during a flight demonstration at the Boxing booth on the first day of the China International Aviation & Aerospace Exhibition on Tuesday in the southern Chinese city of Zhuhai. REUTERS

Next lineup

The next lineup of China's most powerful body, the Politburo Standing Committee, will be announced on Thursday. Though congress and Central Committee delegates have some influence over leadership decisions, most of the lineup is decided among a core group of the most powerful par ty members and elders.

The congress vows are "fully democratic" but "there is a degree of inevitability" as to and party delegate Song Ouding of Liaoning province said as he entered the hall for the final session.

"We need to have continuity in leadership to carry on," Song said. "They are already in the leadership now. The stability of the party and of the country is important."

Xi and Li—part of a generation schooled at a time of more openness in the West than their predecessors—are shoo-ins for the nine-member Politburo Standing Committee. But more positions on the panel, which may be reduced to seven, were believed up for grabs and the subject of intense jockeying ahead of the congress.

Political dynasty

China's leadership transitions are always occasions for fractious backroom bargaining, but the changes have been unusually with the elimination of radicals more than 40 years ago.

When Mao's wives were trying to keep control of China in the 1970s, a powerful general from the south came to the aid of moderation, helping to set up the ascendancy of Deng Xiaoping.

The bold actions of the prime ni, Ir Jianying, paved the way for the country's move in a more market-oriented, reassuring, and created a political dynasty that still plays kingmakers able to influence national policy and protect its sprawling business empire to confront China long after his death.

Over the past year, according to party insiders familiar with the situation, members of Wu family have helped organize meetings to criticize the country's current course and how to proceed. Wu is a former party official now living in Australia.

The rise of so-called princelings like the Xi family reaches a capstone this week with the anointing of Xi, himself the son of a Communist Party pioneer, as China's top leader at the conclusion of the party congress.

Xi is likely to be joined by at least two oldest relatives of senior leaders on the seven-member Standing Committee.

Aristocratic class

Despite rising controversy over their prominent role in government and business—scandals—highlighted by recent corruption cases, as well as the fall of Bo Xilai, whose wife was found guilty of murder—Chinese princelings, who number in the hundreds, are emerging as an unbreakable class with an increasingly important say in ruling the country.

While the princelings lived and fight among themselves, many have already made their mark in the established order, playing important roles in business, especially state-owned enterprises. Others are heavily involved in finance or lobbying, where personal connections are important.

"Many countries have powerful families, but in China, they are becoming the dominant force in politics and business," said Li Baodon, a political science professor at Columbia University. "In this system, they have good bloodlines."

Many of the oldest among them, especially those in labor power—share something else: An upbringing during some of China's most difficult years.

Voiceless generation

Many were children during the Great Leap Forward, when upward of 30 million people died of famine from 1958 to 1962, and teenagers during the Cultural Revolution from 1966 to 1976, a period many spent in remote or on exile after their parents were attacked by Maoist radicals.

"This is a voiceless generation, one that didn't have a opportunity to education and often saw the worst side of the Communist revolution," said a senior party journalist who grew up with some of China's princelings and spoke on the condition of anonymity because of pressure from China's security apparatus. "They've learned one thing, and that's all you can count on is your family."

The princelings are distinct from the current top rulers of China, most of whom owe their elevation to institutions in the CPC.

The departing party general secretary Hu, rose up through the Communist Youth League, one of the party's central bodies.

Likewise, the prime minister, Wen Jiabao, began his career in land

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House hypocrites

ON THE proposal to enact the constitutional promise of freedom of information, the calculated incompetence of the House committee on public information has led to the outcome it wanted all along: deliberate inaction. The committee's failure on Tuesday to even put the Freedom of Information bill to a vote, after an agonizing procedural detour, means there is very little chance that it will become law under the 15th Congress.

EDITORIAL

One FOI advocate, Deputy Speaker Lorenzo Tañada III, thinks there may still be time within the month for the committee to redeem itself and report out the bill to the plenary. Most other advocates, however, have looked into the eyes of the House leadership, and read there the bill's obituary.

The statement issued by the Right to Know Right Now Coalition used the language of crime to describe Tuesday's legislative maneuvers: "Baitang, amasó and murder—this was what happened to the FOI bill today at the hearing of the Committee on Public Information of the House of Representatives. The FOI bill is dead in the 15th Congress."

Powerful, dismissive language, but entirely in the right. What happened the other day (or, rather, what did not happen) amounts to a crime against the people.

It is a crime in which the Aquino administration and the Liberal Party, which came to power in 2010, *are* coconspirits. Earlier this year, the administration proposed a substitute FOI bill, which its communication group described as "an integral element of the Aquino Good Governance and Anti-Corruption Plan of 2012-2016, which the President has recently approved subject to further refinements. This plan contains reforms and initiatives that pursue greater transparency, accountability and citizen participation in government."

We are aware, of course, that not every administration statement becomes law, and that even priority bills can fail to pass through the legislative mill. But the FOI bill is different, for two distinctive reasons. First, President Aquino himself campaigned for the presidency on the passage of the FOI bill, among other promises, precisely because he saw it as an integral part of the initiative against corruption. And second, the administration coalition that runs the House can function with enviable efficiency when it wants to; however, when the conduct of the committee on public information can be accurately described as a bitter comedy of procedural errors—failing to find a meeting room in the sprawling Batasan complex to host a committee hearing, for example, or using up the time in a rare committee hearing to discuss the minutiae of procedure that had already been discussed and resolved in a previous meeting—then the truth becomes obvious: The House leadership, and the administration it works closely with, do not want the FOI cause to advance.

The cause of the latest delay in the already extended legislative struggle over the FOI bill betrays the real intent at stake.

For some inexplicable reason, committee chair Rep. Ben Evardone (incredibly a former journalist) allowed Rep. Rodolfo Antonino no Tuesday to complain immediately about the supposed failure of the Technical Working Group to consider Antonino's right of reply bill. This was absurd on many levels. The procedural issue had already been taken up. The urgency surrounding the FOI bill could not be denied. But least, the right of reply measure had nothing substantive in common with the FOI bill. The very concept of right of reply is philosophically antagonistic to freedom of information: it is a patently unconstitutional attempt to control the editorial content of the news media. That it managed to rank up all the remaining oxygen in Evardone's suite, ridiculous hearing to reffing.

It tells us that the real issue is not journalistic responsibility in the use of public records, or even the government transparency that FOI seeks to put in place, but political power. Or to be more precise: the power of the political class.

The right-of-reply bear is the political class' attempt to level the playing field, as the politicians understand it, in their favor. They seek to exchange the privileges they would lose under an enacted FOI with the privileges they think they will enjoy once politicians get to dictate editorial content. History, sounds—and smells:

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Scams and the freedom to err

READING RECENT reports of thousands of people being victimized by another pyramiding scam—this time operating out of the areas of Cebu, Bagabag, and Pasay—I found myself entertaining two different reactions: "Serves them right," I thought. "You are using their unsuspecting and trusting 'friends' to get rich," but then I wondered, "Shouldn't the government have known about this and stopped it before more small investors were robbed by this patch of swindlers?"

Reasonable these two reactions are: two concepts of government that are not always compatible in our societies.

The first is the idea of the government as a guarantor of individual freedom. According to this view, the government exists to protect our liberties—our right to earn a living, to form a family, to get an education, to travel, to vote, and so on. The other is the idea of the government as a regulator of human activity, in the name of protecting the common good, the government assumes the duty to protect citizens from harm to, including that which may stem from their own folly.

If you entrust your money to somebody who promises you a 70 percent monthly return on your investment, you have every right to be disciplined by this prospect. But, as the saying goes, "caveat emptor" (buyer beware). You will not be forgiven by the government for such investments that turn as much as to be able to pay that kind of interest on short-term investments. But, feels are born every day, waiting to be gripped by scammers using schemes as closely copied from previous rackets as would think ordinary investors would be immune to them.

As my fellow lecturer columnist, Richard Gis, noted the other day in the discussion of the expanding range of healthcare products and remedies in the market that have no therapeutic value, our brains sometimes seem hardwired for gullibility. Indeed, there is a growing literature in the neurosciences that focuses on the contemporaries of decision-making. Recent studies of how the mind works show the astounding irrationality of so many of the choices we make in daily life. In our own cultural context, as Mike observes, we find that testimonials from celebrities, friends, and acquaintances play an inordinate role in these decisions that is unwarranted in critical society.

Interestingly enough, while we equate gullibility with ignorance, the ranks of the gullible include individuals with as much experience, social prowess, and education that an expert thinks to be the last to fall victim to scams. Yet, if we carefully examine the modus operandi of big fraudsters and swindlers, we would find that the wealthy, the well-informed, and the respectable are precisely their main targets. By luring them into their schemes with generous returns and rewards, scammers manifest them into unwitting endorsers. As soon as they partake of the initial fruit of the scam, the latter effectively place their whole social networks at the disposal of the con-artists.

Thus it is not at all surprising that, apart from the families of overseas workers and ordinary workers, the victims of the Ponzi schemes Group that ran the P1.2 billion pyramiding scam in Visayas and Mindanao included local politicians, businessmen, professionals, soldiers, and policemen. That would be what they would be crazy to invest so much money in a new company founded by a former janitor and driver with no business credentials. But, enticed by the huge and easy returns, they were brought in the savings of their relatives, neighbors, and friends.

When the principal operators disappeared, shortly after the promised checks they issued began to bounce, Mayor Jaime Cosio of Pagadian City apparently still could not believe they had all been taken for a ride. It was he who had issued a temporary business permit to the company claiming he had nothing to do with the business, the mayor reportedly assured the people in his community that they would get their investments back. Later, he distributed checks to some investors, stating, "The checks we gave out were recovered from the Janas office here. I did not issue these checks. We just distributed."

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Randy David

Whether the mayor was just part of the scam, as he denied, or was a victim of it, as he claimed, he was a failure of government here. Windfall profits such as those paid by Janas Farmers to its first investors should have alerted the concerned government agencies—the regional office of the Securities and Exchange Commission, for one. While there is nothing illegal about paying out unusually high monthly returns on short-term investments, the act itself is a tell-tale sign of a scam in the making. The state has a duty to check without waiting for a complaint, and, if warranted, to warn investors of the risks they are taking. It is true that time the government has failed to perform this obligation, and it will not be the last. Scams like these happen because, apart from preying on people's greed, they also tend to take on the existing power structure and tap into our network of social connections.

Compared to the regulatory role of the government, it is always easier to appreciate the state's function as a guarantor of freedom of choice. This is consistent with the market view of society: Let the rules freely decide, for instance, if he wants members of the same family to monopolize public office, instead of limiting the number. Others though a law banning political dynasties.

My view is there is nothing in society that is exempt from regulation. Regulation is what the law does. Rather than rant on the Duterte that every individual knows best, we owe it to ourselves to ask what kind of regulation we are coming and what kind we want to be, and to regulate our affairs as a nation accordingly.

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THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

ON THE face of it, the Supreme Court's decision to ban the airing of the Maguindanao massacre trial seems reasonable. "While the court recognizes the freedom of the press and the right to public information, the rights of the direct parties should not be forgotten. It is a task among these competing interests and in terms of the values the Constitution recognizes, [a] *reputationer* makes it clear that the balance should always be weighed in favor of the accused. Live TV has no place in a criminal trial."

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But this is no ordinary criminal case. This is the crime of the century. This is a crime not just against the victims and their kin, this is a crime against all Filipinos. In the same way that the torture, "salvaging," and enforced disappearances of dissidents during martial law was a crime not just against the victims but against the nation. This is a case where the title, "People of the Philippines vs. the Ampatuans," takes on the most literal meanings.

The reasons for airing the trial are legion.

In the very least, why should it be naturally prejudicial to the Ampatuans? Why should there be a clash of interests? The high court's argument that it will subvert the principle of the presumption of innocence on the part of the accused, a sacrosanct principle in law, in fact neatly subverts the principle of the presumption of intelligence on the part of the public, a sacrosanct principle in democracy. The people are not idiots who will see like a lynch mob after being reminded of the atrocity that was the Maguindanao massacre.

Of course they will be furious, or filled with a cold rage, as well they should be. That doesn't mean it will be unfair to the accused. They stand accused, if implicitly, if by a tradition of corruption and partiality, if by a record of the rich winning and the poor losing, of running law into an impediment to justice.

True, this is a trial not just of murder, bravery, or unselfish, heroism-generous, this is a trial of the culture of impunity. Of course the Ampatuans must be presumed innocent until proven guilty. But it's not as if the massacre and mutilation of helpless men and women, most of them media workers, were done with a view to hiding the identities of their perpetrators. They were done with every intention of revealing them to put terror in the hearts of their enemies. The perpetrators of this clearly thought they could get away with it. The people who tortured this clearly thought they had nothing to fear from God or man, heaven or hell, the law or justice.

If the Ampatuans cannot be proven guilty before Allah, before the courts, before the public—and they have lawyers aplenty to do it for them—quite apart from a vanishing tribe of witnesses, they will have Even with our famous mental apologies. If not, then just them where they cannot disguise the brutality into agents.

There, the need is not just to punish the guilty, or torment the accused unless innocent, which is compelling enough in itself. Matters of justice are not to be left to the vagaries of public opinion. But the need is to make sure it doesn't happen again. That is a far more compelling, or desperate, need in this tragedy's country.

At it is, the bureaucracy of the massacre is revealing from memory. Because that is the lack of interest in the development shown in the case. You see that in the lack of urgency over the murder disappearances, forced or voluntary, of the witnesses. You see that in the lack of concern for the victims' kin who have been begging heaven and the courts to hasten justice, to no avail. At top the trial should rekindle it. At top it should rekindle the memory of the country from ever happening again.

Let us do it. We need to remember. We need to understand.

We need to learn.

Smuggling at its worst under Aquino

SMUGGLING IN the Philippines is at its worst under President Aquino's administration, with the estimated value averaging $19.8 billion annually, an explosion from the comparable figures of $5.1 billion and $5.6 billion yearly during the terms of President Joseph Estrada and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, respectively.

In Mr. Aquino's first two years in office, the value of smuggling totaled $39.2 billion, more than the $33.6 billion during Arroyo's nine years in office.

These estimates are based on data from the International Monetary Fund's Direction of Trade Statistics, which contains two sets of data. The first are how the value of exports are reported, for example, by China to the Philippines. The second set of data lays the value of imports from China as reported by the Philippines. To compare the two sets of data, economists use various formulas, the simplest of which involves reducing the export value by 10 percent to account for the cost of freight, insurance and other shipment costs.

To explain, China reported that its exports to the country from July 2010 to June 2012 amounted to $33.2 billion. On the other hand, the Philippines reported that its imports from China during the same period totaled only $24.7 billion.

To estimate the amount smuggled—either through under-declaration of the goods' values or outright secret entry into the country—the export figure of $33.2 billion is first reduced by 10 percent to reflect the cost of freight, insurance and other costs, to arrive at a value figure of $29.9 billion. This figure less the $24.7 billion imports reported by the Philippines yields a discrepancy of $5.2 billion, the estimated of the value of smuggled goods during the period.

The discrepancies in the two sets of figures may in part be due to reporting errors, for instance due to different reporting cycles. However, especially when the discrepancies involve significant amounts and when a time series is available, the methodology approximates the magnitude of smuggling in a country, and has been routinely used by international trade economists and multilateral institutions.

OUTLOOK

Rigoberto Tiglao

TABLE 1
SMUGGLING ESTIMATES: ANNUAL AVERAGE
(IN $ BILLIONS)

Estrada (July 1998 – June 2001)	5.1
Arroyo (July 2001 – June 2010)	5.6
Aquino (July 2010 – June 2012)	19.8

Based on IMF's Direction of Trade Statistics

The estimates of smuggling from several countries during Mr. Aquino's term so far are shown in Table 2. While China, Japan, and Korea account—as they have for the past two decades—for the largest value of smuggled goods, there has been a surge of smuggled goods from the United States, Indonesia and India.

The validity of these unreported findings is bolstered by reports from trade organizations and government officials of massive smuggling of pork, chicken and other agricultural products—even onions—from the United States and of rice from Indonesia and India.

SMUGGLING ESTIMATES: IN $ BILLIONS
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Estimated Countries

	ARROYO	AQUINO
China	2.8	11.2
Japan	1.1	7.2
Korea	0.1	4.2
Singapore	1.1	2.5
Thailand	0.2	1.4
Indonesia	-0.1	1.2
US	-0.2	0.9
India	0.3	0.8
TOTAL	3.8	33.2

Based on IMF's Direction of Trade Statistics

A group of trade economists had raised alarms that smuggling of agricultural products "is the worst in the last 30 years," first the agriculture department publicly complained that the customs bureau had been unable to stopping the smuggling of pork and onions. Subsequently, National Food Authority administrator Lito Banayo—who recently resigned to run for Congress—maintained that massive smuggling of rice had been undertaken by businessmen supposedly acting under the 100% rice import provision. Banayo has been known for years as a rice importer who dislikes and does not like "disappointing," a rosy rice stuff member said.

The bizarre, in a confidential 2008 that called for an investigation into smuggling, had in fact used the same methodology of using IMF data to justify the urgency of its probe. It explained that the government's tax revenues can be estimated by computing the 12 percent value-added tax and an average 7 percent duty on the estimated smuggled value.

Using this methodology, the BIR's estimate of smuggled goods for Mr. Aquino's first two years in office, the customs bureau was not able to collect revenues of P107 billion during the period, made up of the P85 billion of value-added taxes and P22 billion in customs duties—or about 32 percent of the state's total revenues.

The runaway smuggling in the country has cut deep into government revenues from import duties. In 2011, while the value of imports rose 30 percent from the previous year, collections declined only by a measly 2.2 percent. Customs Commissioner Ruffy Biazon, however, blames his agency's weak performance on what he claimed was the "unrealistic targets" set by the Development Budget Coordination Committee, the government's economic planners that "their goals are based on conservative estimates of the value of imports this year."

Either the smugglers are running circles around Biazon, or the economic managers are being revised too, "as officials of a trade organization said. Asked to remember, "Don't you notice that Biazon isn't saying that he's not included in Aquino's economic team, while his deputy commissioner for intelligence, Gov. Danny Lim has recently become vice-governor?"

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The murder of the FOI bill

LAST MONDAY, in a last-ditch effort, groups marched in and rallied in Honolulu in the vain hope that the Freedom of Information (FOI) bill would become a reality after years of languishing in the dusty dungeon the various efforts of its advocates. And that is to say just over the 100 of a Leisure Intelligence Bill.

The next day, Tuesday, the hearing of the House committee on public information on the FOI bill was conducted. This was how the FOI advocates present at the hearing summarized what happened: Rigid ban on "leaders," "leaders" and murder"! for the President of Information bill.

The bad news: The FOI bill is dead in the 15th Congress.

From the point of view of FOI supporters, this is true how the hearing happened.

By reasoning that no committee report will be approved in [Tuesday's] hearing, the House committee on public information has by all means and purposes left no time for any FOI measure to get approved before the Congress adjourned.

Committee chair Rep. Ben Evardone was the biggest disappointment of all. He chose a dismal failure of leadership. He was a Malaya reporter to his younger days.)

First, Evardone muzzled the FOI bill on the last of eight items on the committee's agenda. When the committee finally discussed the FOI bill, he sent allowed him. Indeed, to enforce a hijack most of the proceedings and prevent individuals on how to [Evardone] to the Committee on Rules created by the committee's Technical Working Group (TWG) led by FOI proponent Rep. Lorenzo "Erin" Tañada III.

In effect, Antonino made certain that the committee's time was wasted on his rambunctious insistence on having his complaint heard. In truth, his stories raised the very same issue as the last committee hearing in March. In fact, his complaint was resolved in that last hearing.

In the end, the committee has time to discuss only substantive issues on the FOI bill, particularly its contents. And when committee chair made motion ended to put the consolidated bill to a vote, Antonino, who used up most of the committee's time to complain about the TWG, promptly moved to adjourn the committee meeting, with a declaration that was seconded by the committee chair.

What happened on Tuesday was not the final blow delivered by Evardone and Antonino, which left the rest of the committee members decisively helpless to stop the slaughter of the FOI bill.

By all indications, the conspiracy to kill the FOI bill had commenced much earlier.

President Aquino led the banters and assault on the FOI bill well in his mindset "concerns" about it. Aquino's is the height of the Congress's [question] mind, he all too suddenly endorsed the bill, albeit in a few perfunctory press statements only that in the next eight months, nothing more was heard from him by way of vital proof of endorsement of the bill.

The President's Liberal Party allies in the House, led by Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II, did not move either. They neither pushed nor nudged the bill to fruition. Evardone did not call committee hearings until Tuesday.

The FOI bill is dead, actually murdered in its tracks. Its butchers? The befuddled of Malacañang. The mindlessly persuasive Aquinians. The President and his fearful support. Belmonte, Gonzales, and the Liberal Party leaders of the House, by propping and blowing Evardone's duplicity on the FOI bill.

There. The center of unfortunate events was witnessed by concerned groups and individuals led by lawyer Argee Guevara Mohammad, the secretary for the Philippine Coalition for Access to Information Network, and many others.

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30 years: We made it

ON MONDAY we will mark the 30th anniversary of our company, Publicare Insurance. Funny (news writers are misnomers, you see). Very few companies in our business of compiling have survived this long. Most have folded or been folded into a larger organization, a successful play itself, but not by any means a sign of being unexpected.

What do I put in there? Sweeping generic theorizing specialty niche and exciting text, and people.

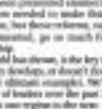
I've had excellent staff...since I can find the best ones to. Hired me, I drew those lines. I've known, personally, most of the people who've worked for me. But I don't need over them. Micro-management is not the way to run a consulting business—or a society.

My staff knows what to do. Hire, my Wizards—that's how we get to believe in what we do, and we're WRF all do. We believe we are doing something, in a small way, to help business grow in the Philippines.

I had the chance in 1982, after seven years of running the APEX Fair, of considering an opportunity over to Australia, or staying here. Since, my wife, with a 9-month-old son, agreed this was the place to be and friends encouraged us to stay and helped us get started. I'd first visited here back in 1966 as a young engineering graduate, and had fallen in love with Filipino, of course, but also with a country and its people. I wanted to stay, so stay we did, starting a business out of our small house on Don Miguel Street, San Juan.

Mr. Murphy's Law cannot but taken me into almost every notion from running to fund and transport. Export (shows and repair), retail (Gaisano Stores Luzon, by-with-the-sales, if you can remember them; Sony with 140 products to distribute), automotive (Renault), and engineering. Even one with a store in the parliament arena. So I gave me the base to develop a business.

The theme of PISC's advocacy-work over the past three decades has been to push the Philippines toward global competitiveness. The 1980s did just that, overall, and the subsequent change of government, or, more part of a term that pictured the country's industrialization strategy. This was followed by an



LIKE IT IS

Peter Wallace

onerous privatization studies, and many other key engagements all targeted to help make the country's business environment friendlier.

In the time that we have invested in our advocacy of aiding the many of most investments into the country, we have come to a realization that the importance of the leadership role in the equation. Many lists have been presented enumerating the reforms measures needed to make this a better place for business, but those reforms, supporting they are implemented, go so much for their self-proclaimed leadership.

Leadership, as the world has shown, is the key to perform from a country desktop, or doesn't think it the two frames as the ultimate example). We've had a rather massive ride of leaders over the past 30 years, no consensus from one regime to the next.

It is why the turbulences of the time helped our business, because executives needed to know what was going on, and going on was our friend. Martial law was approaching its most appeal, one stage. The great promises of the Republic of Marcos was about to become stretched as our region and about of human rights took center stage in a play the audience would eventually walk out on in overwhelming way.

Then came Cory and freedom, at least legitimate business, barred a right of relief and get back to trying to grow their businesses. But the pledged social change wasn't accompanied by enough economic reform. My friend Jimmy Laguio died from a heart attack at age 50 after years being the leader he died and was dismayed at what he told me of the needless lights in the Cabinet.

Eight, to 12-hour daily blackouts, as Cory's term ended put paid to new investments, as the Philippines' share of new Asian FDI fell to a literally percent for over more importantly, in my biased judgment, a fellow engineer, Engineer get Diego Ante. It's an inherent demand with us. Power was back by the following Dominican. Serious were opened up, power deficiencies, banking. Business was back, the world's darling, no less.

But was sent into crisis in '97 and the Philippines suffered with it.

Along came Estrada and the promises stopped, investment contracted and the people lacked him out early it in a count of less he was found guilty of plunder.

It came pardoned by Gloria, a woman who had all the positives in the world: smart, intelligent she was and charismatic. Her presidency, however, was enhanced. But scandal after scandal that limited [it] brought her down. When she was about to end her term, only 16 percent of the populace supported her, 69 percent didn't. "We can't feel like this."

Enter now Noynoy, son of Cory and decent but yet to be made. But his dimension of earning recognition, and his amazing success so it, is most welcome.

Meanwhile, Australia went boringly successfully, while Asia, the region, was in crisis, the same went for Japan, unpredictable times. And loved it. Proving the whole from Australia with absorbing Mina and till pre-screening overhead as they forced the Philippine to Point out of the day-to-day recovery in my mind. As does investment, and new markets, like Vietnam to Work Push for the revolutionaries on Edsa (Take 1), on handling the fads in the car to join Take 2. Where else in the world do you take your fads to a revolution? Anywhere of here accompanied us.

Through the ups and downs, I've learned that patience is certainly a country I'll never leave.

Thank you, Filipinos, for this life and for allowing me a successful business here. Thank you to my clients for supporting me, the government for allowing me to do what I do, and to my colleagues without whom Publicare Insurance certainly wouldn't be where it is today, a trusted name in its field. One that we expect to continue to flourish for the next 30 years.

In an instant

WE LIVE in the age of instant coffee, instant messaging, instagram, instant everything. Technology makes everything instant—from that tuna pâté to fish to stay weekend beach trip, stalking that crush you saw at our party but never got the courage to talk to, or posting up a link to the video of the song that you can't get out of your head so that your friends can get inside [AS, too.

Mid while these quick updates are fun, friends we haven't seen since high school graduation, technology has somehow trivialized our interactions. I'm not just talking about selfie-to-selfie-tourism that get "shmushed" through relationship status updates, or it's complicated—let's not give a label on it kind of things. I mean any kind of relationship—from the childhood friend you never would be a bridesmaid at your wedding to the guy who sat behind you in English class and slept through the lectures. Check your Facebook friends and Twitter followers. How many of them do you actually interact with? Like their Facebook statuses, retweet their tweets. Repost on Tumblr. Leave a comment on Instagram pic. Everyone is easily accessible—but are they really? Yes, there are numerous social networking sites that will let you know your birthday BFFs. But step out of "heterosexual for a second and look around you. As an after-work drinker, I bet your friends have their hands and eyes glued to their smartphones. I bet one of them is laughing to her hometown, staring at the lit up screen. Another is probably already announcing to the world, via Foursquare, with quintessential filter, that she's with you and so-and-so at tap location. The guilty are charged to all of the above. What happened to living in touch with reality? Where has the human interaction gone in the moment? Why the sudden fascination with what everyone else is doing at this instant, never mind that there are actual people physically with you?

Imagine a typical Sunday at a typical restaurant while waiting for your order. Kids with their handheld games and handphones, people with their reading material of "real" subscriptions, selfies on their iPads and notebooks, and not-so-techie staring into space or giving the menu yet another look. Everyone absorbed, alone in their own little world. How ironic is it that the more sociable we want to be online, the more detached we actually become offline?

I make no claim that I don't have a copy of selfies. Or mine. Or take. I miss comfortable silence. The connection that isn't determined by how strong the signal is from your service provider. The connection between people, not profiles or user names. When you don't have to say anything to be understood. When you don't need emoticons to get your message across. When you don't have to check your BBM, audible sigh, that furrowed brow, or that eye-rimmed cheek streams what you had in your heart of hearts. No matter how long we pore over text messages, there is no way to decode the sender's true thoughts and emotions. There is no substitute for an exchange that happens in real time. Text messages and emails are a poor substitute. All it takes is a breath of a human. But the words jar lack thereof, thus escape our mouths, the timing of our responses, the look in our eyes—they give us away.

I want to express myself in ways only I know how, in ways only those who know me well will be able to grasp, in ways that mean only to you. I want to be able to read your mind. I want a smooth exchange of ideas and dreams and passions. I don't want to wait for my phone to beep or my inbox to open for your reply. I don't want a staggered installment of thoughts in bits that loose. I don't want the number of your multimedium points to relay your excitement. I want to hear the tone of your voice, see the expression in your eyes, to touch you as in a your hand when I need to.

We know what else I miss? Handwritten letters. Stroke upon fluid stroke put together to make a literary masterpiece. Forget the grammar flairs and stop being as dependent on spellcheck for a bit. Never mind that the thick—no, the shit on top of your t—is a bit off center. Never mind that you can't fit enough words in between lines or you run loopy. Your handwriting is uniquely yours, like your fingerprints and the secret pet name only your family knows. The love that handwritten letters are powerful because they are rare. They force you to really think about what you want to say. And the joy of receiving these letters is the only other.

Like, I don't want to live in the good old days when reading letters by post was the norm. With either means of communication available, I post it as a challenge. Is there anyone out there who still believes in handwritten notes? It might. Mine and Hope aware the gap in long distance relationships, and I'm all for that. But what about the rest of us who aren't seeing anyone? Who aren't in long distance relationships? Who aren't stranded Times Square?

Waste dumping shows VFA is 'toxic for Filipinos

THE DUMPING of toxic waste by US Navy contractors in Subic shows that the Visiting Forces Agreement is "toxic" for our nation's sovereignty and should be junked immediately. The VFA allows US troops to get away with destruction of our natural resources, and trampling of American land in our shores.

So will reopening nation will allow "visitors" to dump our waste in its territory. The dumping was clearly a violation of a nation's sovereignty; it was a slap on the face of our people.

It is appalling that our government seems to be preventing these indictments instead of our nation's interests. The Palace is quick to condemn China's threats, but it is no such as silent when it comes to US military's environmental violations.

The Aquino administration's President Commission on the VFA (Philippine) has ignominiously shielded the Good Defense Minister Asia from any probe into the toxic waste dumping incidents. The Palace now says that the EPA cannot be invoked to defend the former contractors. Isn't this an admission that if the crime was done by US soldiers, they could not have been held responsible?

The VFA-mask's blocking of the investigation in the matter is a consensual act, a gross violation of our sovereignty. Even as we have opposed the order to former US military bases, such as Subic, foreign-owned defense ships have refurbished these areas. Hence, the deployed troops enjoy immunity.

As they have thrown their sanctimonious smiles in our territory, every US ship must be kept away from Philippine shores. The VFAists, the contractors and the US government must be held liable for this wrong continuously being done to us.

We urge the government to stop further US military deployments in our country, stop US-PH military exercises and immediately junk the unjust thing done by US personnel and contractors. Congress must move fast to junk the toxic VFA, it is detrimental to our national interest. We must not turn small timber dumping sites to Subic.

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LETTERS

Is positive change possible in this country?

IS PRESIDENT Benigno Simeon Aquino and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney spoke about the "American dream," there it a different story. There is no such thing as a "Filipino dream." There are only nightmares of corruption, poverty and other unconstitutional ills. There may be time and money and women in America, but is not to wait really as President Obama asserted, that there's only one "United States." The same cannot be said about the Philippines.

Why a change almost impossible in this country? Until a Pacquiao-Arroyo has been replaced and is being pronounced, and not about three years into the term of President Aquino. He has two terms because he some 10.5 million households which our themselves as poor, this according to a survey by SWS. This is because things is not the singular cause of our problems. Where we are right now is a product of a confluence of factors, i.e., political dynasties, corruption, incompetence, crimes and many more, including the fact that we can simply compare with Pres Roxas economically, which actually their administration agreed and research to revive this across the lows of islands.

From a moral and, every Filipino perhaps desires to do what is right. A father who cannot or know alone a sick poor child in need of P60,000 to pay for daily so might really want to help. But he has only P100,000 in his bank account and his employer will be rumbling soon, and he will need half of that amount. The father will, therefore, not be able to help because of this situation.

But can he be criticized? Some things, and this means considering what is practical or doable. However, this suppose that since it is almost impossible to cure an injustice, we simply have to resign to our fates. But resigning to injustice defeats the very purpose of any person's will to live. Thus, we have to refuse to see principles, to our values. We must cling to our faith that there is a bright future and it will come someday soon. The problem, however, is that all of decades of rejecting change, we come to realize that life stays the same.

The distinction that Isaiah Berlin makes between positive and negative freedom is still very relevant to this case. Many of Filipinos are still struggling against the die of "indecision," feeling that they are forward, waging harder lives and more stifled by unjust and unfair systems. Unless we emerge from this kind of dependency and anguish, that day where a young child can actually celebrate his or her "freedom" as a person with a "full shot" in happiness might not come.

—JOANA MARIE BOLOR,
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Comelec erred in blocking genuine party list from 2013 elections

THE COMMISSION on Elections has disqualified the Kalikasan party list from participating in the 2013 national elections.

We, the Electoral Tribunal Council and members of Kalikasan, do not agree with the Comelec's decision denying us access to justice.

We previously lauded the Comelec's move to purge the existing list of bogus party list of politicians and the so-called elite. Indeed, these should have been disqualified from the electoral arena long ago. However, the Comelec should have never disowning to its duty to purge the party-list system of bogus party list and should have been more careful to avoid becoming an instrument and for depriving certain sectors of genuine representation in Congress.

We question the Comelec's basis for denying us the accreditation. From the very start Kalikasan has been clear that it represents not the environment itself but the marginalized sectors that have been grossly affected, for so many decades, by disasters brought about by the destruction of the environment. These include the urban and rural poor, women, professionals, youth and students.

Kalikasan is a pro-people, pro-Filipino and pro-environment multisectoral party composed of individuals from marginalized and underrepresented communities and sectors. We recognize that environmental problems affect the poorest of the poor in the Philippines and we also commit to the control of natural resources by the country's wealthy elite.

The environmental movement from which Kalikasan originated has a track record of almost 15 years of promoting, advocating and struggling for the interests of the marginalized, underrepresented and vulnerable sectors in Philippine society. We have spearheaded many major environmental campaigns and actions around the nation, especially involving poor and marginalized communities affected by climate change and other environmental problems.

Kalikasan will challenge the Comelec's decision in the Supreme Court and assert our accreditation and recognition to participate in the party-list system as guaranteed by Republic Act 7941. While we welcome accreditation, we will continue to serve the marginalized and underrepresented sectors that are bearing the full impacts of environmental destruction and deprivation.

—CLEMENT BAUTISTA JR.,
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Justice for 'sweet and loving child' Cyrish

WHEN I first heard the news about the brutal killing of Cyrish Magdong, I couldn't believe she has that could happen (she could actually happen in someone I personally know. Cyrish's only brother and I were in the same school during our elementary and high school years, and this time came school tradition, we had a lot of misadventures as we "explored" to see the other side of life. I can even remember Cyrish, who was seven years younger that us, as the quiet and cute little girl who'd drop by our classroom to bring her Boya Jollibee packed lunch. She life is really unpredictable, it has imperfections. Who could imagine a 20-year-old college cum laude graduate from the University of Santo Tomas, a sweet and loving child, would suffer from 40 stab wounds with her hand fastened to the car visayan, perhaps, the cold-blooded murderers themselves who acted on super low and took her life.

"Let justice be done though the heavens rise," according to an old maxim. And if the sky should fall, then so be it, let justice be served!

Justice for Cyrish Magdong!

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8 party-list groups get Comelec reprieve

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reported on Tuesday got a reprieve from the high court.

The three others were Alyansa Magsasaka Partido Tinig ng Mass, Alliance for Rural and Agrarian Reconstruction Inc. and Association for Righteousness Advancement in Leadership Party-List.

In resolutions it issued on Oct. 18, 11, 16 and 24, the poll body canceled the party-list groups' registration for various reasons, including not being qualified to represent the marginalized sectors and their questionable nominees. They were barred from taking part in the 2013 elections.

In its decision, the high court en banc said it adopted a resolution the other day that sought the consolidation of the petitions of the eight party-list groups and required the Comelec to comment on the petitions within a "nonextendible" period of 10 days from notice.

The party-list groups sought relief from the Supreme Court, saying the poll body had committed grave abuse of discretion in disqualifying them.

Ang Nars Inc. identified its nominees as Leah Primitivo Santos-Reguia, Lydia Pulongbayan, Chris Senotrigan, Cristhal Galban and Anna Marie Acosta-Kapunan.

"They are marginalized professionals [and] all of their nominees are marginalized," Comelec Chair Sixto Brillantes Jr. said in an interview with reporters.

He said the group was composed of nurses, including the nominees, who have yet to be employed or those who have chosen to stay in the Philippines.

"They represent nurses who are unemployed and also those who are making a sacrifice by staying in the country instead of working abroad," Brillantes said.

Last week, the Comelec announced that the group Filipinos with Disabilities was the first official candidate for the party-list elections next year.

Of the 10 party-list groups it disqualified yesterday, two were among those the poll body scrutinized for the 2010 election—Ahon Brotherhood for Active Dreamers Inc. and Abot Tanaw, the group identified with Gonzales.

Abot Tanaw claimed to represent overseas Filipino workers and operates social media services to have migrant workers in touch with their families in the Philippines.

Gonzalez son-in-law

In a document submitted earlier to the Comelec, poll watchdog Kontra Daya noted that Gonzalez's son-in-law, Gerardo Ilee, was named the first nominee of Abot Tanaw in the 2013 elections. The cabinet member said to be Ilagan's consultant. But the group failed to win a seat in the previous balloting.

Others groups that failed to get Comelec accreditation were Guardian Holdings Quercitin Humanitarian Team Inc., Buwang Laging Wagi ng Bayan Inc., Samahang Bocaueno Magsasaka, Sangay Ahon Hagonoano Guardians of Children and Disabled, Ang Kilusang ng Concept Government Employees Party-list (Concept).

Holdings Guardian listed Jose Martin Lotilla, nephew of former Marine Lt. Abel Querubin, as one of its nominees.

Concept said the Comelec "seriously erred and committed grave abuse of authority" in denying its accreditation as a party-list organization.

"It perplexes us to no end on how they can claim that poverty-stricken employees are not marginalized and therefore do not deserve to have a representative in Congress," the group said.

Multimillionaires

The Comelec ruling comes day brought to 79 the number of organizations delisted from the 2013 elections. Brillantes said the Comelec en banc was still looking at some 50 more groups up for disqualification.

The election body started purging the list of 2013 groups in September as part of its effort to cleanse the party-list system of sham groups and nominees who are either multimillionaires, relatives of government officials and members of powerful political clans.

The review of groups hoping to participate in next year's elections was being conducted in light of the Constitution provision on the party-list system, the Party-List System Act and jurisprudence, according to the Comelec.

The election body was also actively implementing the guidelines enumerated in the ruling flagging Ilagan's Comelec case.

The decision, written by former Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban, issued guidelines to ensure that only those who belong to marginalized and underrepresented sectors—labor, peasant, fisherfolk, urban poor, indigenous cultural communities, elderly, handicapped, women, youth, veteran, overseas workers, professionals and the LGBTs—can run for party-list seats in Congress.

The guidelines said that the party-list group or sector must represent the marginalized and underrepresented groups identified in the Constitution and that the party or organization must not be "an adjunct of" or a "project organized or an entity formed or assisted by the government."

It also said that the nominee of a party must represent the marginalized and underrepresented sectors.

Ruling on Akbayan

Brillantes also announced yesterday that the en banc, composed of him and six election commissioners, had decided on the fate of Akbayan. But he refused to elaborate, pending the signing of a formal resolution on the ruling.

"We just voted on it... we already have a majority but I want [to] the resolution," he told reporters. "I am not sure if the vote was 4-3 or 5-2 but I am not announcing what is our decision."

Akbayan faces two disqualification complaints in the Comelec.

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FINAL NOTIFICATION TO LANDOWNERS

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 316 entitled *Order No. 229*, the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) was mandated to cover under the coverage of Operation Land Transfer (OLT) the following landholdings located in the Province of Camarines Sur:

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'Smile' begins with basket of bananas

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IT ALL started 50 years ago. A woman asked Dr. William "Bill" Magee to return to Naga City even if her child was not among those operated on by his team of medical volunteers, and gave him a basket of bananas.

"It's the only gift that I can give you for trying to take care of my daughter," said the woman, whose 9-year-old child was born with a cleft lip and palate. The child was turned away at Magee's team backed facilities and could accommodate only 98 patients from among around 300 who came for corrective surgery.

What started as a medical mission in Naga, then led by Governor Sor Gov. Felix Fuentebella, soared so, with the doctor and his wife Kathleen, a nurse, mobilizing more volunteers to serve a bigger number of children with congenital defects for free under "Operation Smile."

Magee said television executive Jose Pot Roumasset singlehandedly shouldered the medical team's first return trip to the Camarines Sur city by giving them $35,000.

VOLUNTEER doctors examine a baby during the last screening of patients to be given reconstructive surgery in Naga City.

Texas visit

Kathleen said she and her husband first met Fuentebella when the governor went to Texas and visited his grandson who was receiving treatment for cancer. She said Fuentebella had asked around for plastic surgeons who could help him give treatment to children with facial deformities in Camarines Sur.

She said she asked her husband to be part of the first medical team and to include her because of her background in pediatric nursing. The couple brought along their eldest daughter, who initiated a fund-raising campaign by organizing clubs in schools. By now, the number of clubs has reached around 900 spread all over the United States.

"Operation Smile" has since grown to 3,000 medical volunteers in 60 countries, performing surgeries on children with the defect known to affect one to every 700 children worldwide.

In the past three decades, over 200,000 surgeries and more than two million medical evaluations of children afflicted with cleft lip and palate have been undertaken worldwide, including 24,000 Filipinos and 2,338 from Naga City.

Target: 4,180

This year, the mission aims to perform conservative surgery on 4,000 children to raise alive in the Philippines up to Dec. 2, 6 total of 18 international missions with 1,000 volunteers have come together to fulfill this goal.

Roberto Mercano, president and executive director of Operation Smile Philippines, said surgeries would be conducted in seven sites in Naga, Angeles City in Pampanga, Iloilo City in Negros Occidental, Cagayan de Oro City, Sta. Ana Estate in Manila, Cebu City and General Santos City, and in two sites in Koronadal, South Cotabato.

Goal: cleft is among the top 12 congenital defects in the Philippines, affecting 4,000 Filipino lives with lasting, cleft palate or both.

"Unknown to many, the deformity contributes to the high infant mortality rate in developing countries," Mercano said. Data gathered by Operation Smile showed that 18 percent of cleft children at 680 die before reaching their first birthday and 12 percent or 408 do not live past the age of five.

DR. WILLIAM and Kathleen Magee don "rattan" (native hats) and "gill" pendant given by the city government of Nagaupon arrival at Naga Airport on Nov. 9 for the sentimental journey back to Naga City, where the Operation Smile started in 1982.

Registry issue

The Philippines has no registry of children with cleft defects, but this could soon be remedied after Smart Communications and Ateneo Java Wireless Center developed an application for Operation Smile Philippines that would allow social workers to document cleft births and send the records to a central database using a mobile phone.

Blumacor said the group had tapped Spectrum, a non-government organization in Batangas province, to pilot the application. "If the test proves successful, Operation Smile would soon be made available to Android phones," he said.

Operation Smile has set up two cleft care centers—permanent facilities where volunteers could perform reconstructive surgeries or provide consultation services to cleft patients year-round. These are in Bicutan Hospital in Davao City and Sta. Ana Hospital in Manila.

Through a public-private partnership, a cleft care center could eventually be set up to provide services on pattern all over the Philippines.

"Operation Smile is ready to partner with any reputable organization, be they public or private, local or international, to make cleft care readily available to those who can least afford," he said.

10	GARCIA, JUAN	San Nicolas, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	008	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	007	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	006	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	005	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	004	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	008	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	009	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	010	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
11	GARCIA, MARIA	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	011	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	012	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
12	GARCIA, VICTOR	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	013	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	014	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
13	LAGMAY, CELESTINO	San Francisco, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	015	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	016	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
14	MANUEL, VICTOR	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	017	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	018	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
15	PEREZ, JOSE	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	019	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	020	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
16	ALEJANDRE, MIGUEL	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	021	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	022	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
17	ALMAZAN, ROLANDO	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	023	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	024	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
18	DIAZ, EDUARDO	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	025	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	026	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
19	ESPINOSA, ROBINSON	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	027	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	028	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
20	FERNANDEZ, ROMEO	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	029	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	030	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
21	GARCIA, JESUS	San Vicente, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	031	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	032	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
22	MANUEL, JOSEFA	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	033	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	034	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
23	PEREZ, JOSE	Naga City, Camarines Sur	(ACT) 01	035	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	036	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
24	VELOSO, FRANCISCO JR.	Bagumbayan, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	037	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	038	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
25	ALMONTE, ALFONSO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	039	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	040	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
26	CASTRO, ALEJANDRO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	041	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	042	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
27	DIAZ, EDUARDO	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	043	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	044	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
28	ESPINOSA, ROBINSON	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	045	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	046	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
29	FERNANDEZ, ROMEO	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	047	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	048	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
30	GARCIA, JESUS	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	049	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	050	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
31	PEREZ, JOSE	Naga City, Camarines Sur	(ACT) 01	051	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	052	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
32	VELOSO, FRANCISCO JR.	Bagumbayan, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	053	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	054	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
33	ALMONTE, ALFONSO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	055	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	056	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
34	CASTRO, ALEJANDRO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	057	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	058	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
35	DIAZ, EDUARDO	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	059	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	060	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
36	ESPINOSA, ROBINSON	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	061	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	062	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
37	FERNANDEZ, ROMEO	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	063	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	064	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
38	GARCIA, JESUS	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	065	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	066	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
39	MANUEL, JOSEFA	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	067	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	068	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
40	PEREZ, JOSE	Naga City, Camarines Sur	(ACT) 01	069	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	070	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
41	VELOSO, FRANCISCO JR.	Bagumbayan, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	071	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	072	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
42	ALMONTE, ALFONSO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	073	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	074	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
43	CASTRO, ALEJANDRO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	075	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	076	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
44	DIAZ, EDUARDO	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	077	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	078	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
45	ESPINOSA, ROBINSON	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	079	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	080	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
46	FERNANDEZ, ROMEO	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	081	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	082	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
47	GARCIA, JESUS	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	083	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	084	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
48	MANUEL, JOSEFA	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	085	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	086	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
49	PEREZ, JOSE	Naga City, Camarines Sur	(ACT) 01	087	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	088	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
50	VELOSO, FRANCISCO JR.	Bagumbayan, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	089	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	090	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
51	ALMONTE, ALFONSO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	091	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	092	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
52	CASTRO, ALEJANDRO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	093	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	094	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
53	DIAZ, EDUARDO	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	095	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	096	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
54	ESPINOSA, ROBINSON	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	097	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	098	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
55	FERNANDEZ, ROMEO	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	099	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	100	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000

56	GARCIA, JESUS	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	101	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	102	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
57	MANUEL, JOSEFA	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	103	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	104	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
58	PEREZ, JOSE	Naga City, Camarines Sur	(ACT) 01	105	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	106	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
59	VELOSO, FRANCISCO JR.	Bagumbayan, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	107	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	108	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
60	ALMONTE, ALFONSO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	109	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	110	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
61	CASTRO, ALEJANDRO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	111	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	112	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
62	DIAZ, EDUARDO	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	113	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	114	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
63	ESPINOSA, ROBINSON	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	115	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	116	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
64	FERNANDEZ, ROMEO	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	117	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	118	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
65	GARCIA, JESUS	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	119	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	120	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
66	MANUEL, JOSEFA	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	121	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	122	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
67	PEREZ, JOSE	Naga City, Camarines Sur	(ACT) 01	123	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	124	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
68	VELOSO, FRANCISCO JR.	Bagumbayan, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	125	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	126	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
69	ALMONTE, ALFONSO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	127	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	128	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
70	CASTRO, ALEJANDRO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	129	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	130	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
71	DIAZ, EDUARDO	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	131	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	132	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
72	ESPINOSA, ROBINSON	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	133	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	134	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
73	FERNANDEZ, ROMEO	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	135	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	136	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
74	GARCIA, JESUS	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	137	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	138	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
75	MANUEL, JOSEFA	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	139	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	140	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
76	PEREZ, JOSE	Naga City, Camarines Sur	(ACT) 01	141	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	142	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
77	VELOSO, FRANCISCO JR.	Bagumbayan, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	143	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	144	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
78	ALMONTE, ALFONSO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	145	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	146	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
79	CASTRO, ALEJANDRO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	147	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	148	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
80	DIAZ, EDUARDO	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	149	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	150	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
81	ESPINOSA, ROBINSON	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	151	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	152	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
82	FERNANDEZ, ROMEO	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	153	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	154	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
83	GARCIA, JESUS	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	155	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	156	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
84	MANUEL, JOSEFA	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	157	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	158	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
85	PEREZ, JOSE	Naga City, Camarines Sur	(ACT) 01	159	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	160	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
86	VELOSO, FRANCISCO JR.	Bagumbayan, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	161	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	162	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
87	ALMONTE, ALFONSO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	163	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	164	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
88	CASTRO, ALEJANDRO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	165	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	166	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
89	DIAZ, EDUARDO	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	167	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	168	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
90	ESPINOSA, ROBINSON	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	169	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	170	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
91	FERNANDEZ, ROMEO	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	171	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	172	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
92	GARCIA, JESUS	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	173	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	174	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
93	MANUEL, JOSEFA	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	175	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	176	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
94	PEREZ, JOSE	Naga City, Camarines Sur	(ACT) 01	177	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	178	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
95	VELOSO, FRANCISCO JR.	Bagumbayan, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	179	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	180	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
96	ALMONTE, ALFONSO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	181	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	182	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
97	CASTRO, ALEJANDRO	Concepcion, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	183	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	184	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
98	DIAZ, EDUARDO	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	185	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	186	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
99	ESPINOSA, ROBINSON	San Vicente Ilaya, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	187	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	188	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
100	FERNANDEZ, ROMEO	Mabolo, Naga, Cam. Sur	(ACT) 01	189	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000
			(ACT) 01	190	9.5.108.01	1,000	NAGA	(UNDEF) 10,000

In accordance with pertinent DAR implementing rules and regulations under PD 27/EO 228, please be informed that the documentation of the land transfer claims of the aforementioned landholdings is ongoing at the DAR Municipal Office (DARMO) concerned. The DAR shall determine the initial valuation of the landholding based on Barangay Committee on Land Production (BCLP) data to the barangay where the landholding is located. Thereafter, the initial valuation will be subjected to review by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) in accordance with DAR A.O. No. 1, Series of 2010 and other pertinent rules.

Within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this NOT, each of the above-named landowner or his authorized representative must coordinate with the DARMO concerned or the DAR Committee for (As Provincial Office) to confirm or acknowledge the data/information on lease rental payments made by farmer beneficiaries to the subject landholding by accomplishing OLT Form No. 3 (Acknowledgement of Lease Rental Payments). Failure to accomplish OLT Form No. 3 within the fifteen (15) days period shall be construed as a waiver to contest the lease rentals used.

The DAR shall determine the lease rentals paid based on records, however, in case the LO disagrees, the matter shall be resolved by the Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer (PARO). The release of compensation claims shall be subject to the landowner's compliance with the pre-payment requirements of the Land Bank of the Philippines.

RAMON CARLO M. DELA CRUZ
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer

November 12, 2012
Date

Across the NATION

5 mine firms bond for spill cleanup

Philex mishap clouds mining conference set in Baguio City next month

BAGUIO CITY—An official of the Philippine Mine Safety and Environment Association (PMSEA) said engineers and geologists from at least five mining companies in the country will help in the rehabilitation of the waterways contaminated by wastes that leaked from the tailings pond of Philex Mining Corp. in Benguet in August.

Louie Sarmiento, PMSEA president, said the mining industry was real about the situation of Philex, a major gold and copper producer, because the company is considered a model for responsible mining in the Philippines.

In September, Department of Environment and Natural Resources officials said Philex could face about P1 billion in fines for the spills in its Dalwid facility in Itogon town. Philex shouldered the figure.

Sarmiento said no one wants all the accident to happen.

"As an organization, we are saddened because Philex is one of the most responsible mining companies in the country, and we never wanted that kind of accident to happen. It's a good thing that we have a committee now that will help address this problem and which offered the technical assistance to them," Sarmiento said in a press forum on Tuesday to announce the holding of the annual mine safety conference here this week.

Sarmiento said officials of many mining companies were bothered by the Philex incident and suggested that the conference not be held in Baguio.

"A month before the conference, many were asking why we had to hold the conference in Baguio, and we said we do not want to run away from the problem. We are here to confront our responsibilities," Sarmiento said.

He said reports from several mining companies have volunteered their services to help in the cleanup of Balog Creek in Itogon, where the wastes were discharged, and in the design and other technical aspects of the waste-disposal system of Philex.

Balog Creek is a tributary of Agno River, which is the source of water of San Roque Dam in San Manuel, Pangasinan.

Sarmiento recommended Philex for admitting responsibility for the leak, and for exerting efforts to plug the leaks in its Tailings Pond No. 3. The firm had developed a "beautiful" cleanup and rehabilitation the waterways where the tailings were discharged.

But on Wednesday, members of militant groups staged a protest rally to condemn Philex and other mining companies for their allegedly unsafe practices that cost the environment and communities in danger.

The protesters went to the Hilton and Government Bureau office here to submit the initial results of their fact-finding investigation on the impact of the Philex tailings pond leak on the outlying communities and ecosystems in Itogon.

"The government and mining companies bring about nice stories by sharing their mining conference that week, we reiterate our position against destructive mining and its accompanying militarization and human rights violations," said Sandra Sibera, deputy secretary general of the Alyansa Ibo-pleo-Alliance. Beatrice Cobcobo, Inquirer NorthernLuzon

BFAR says bid to breed 'malaga' is successful

ILAMBO CITY—The production of malaga (tigtad), one of the high-value fish species in the country will soon intensify after the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) successfully bred the fish in captivity.

Nestor Domenden, BFAR regional director, said the Regional Mariculture Technology and Demonstration Center (RMTDC) at the Hundred Islands National Park here has generated an effective technology for breeding malaga to spawn using hormones.

"This is to support the aquaculture industry which is dependent on the wild for fingerlings, 60 percent. 99.9 percent of malaga fingerlings cultured in cages or ponds come from the wild, but with the developed technology, fisherfolk don't have to rely on the wild, since spawning is assured, for their stock," Domenden said.

Long-term effects

"Besides, there is a need to conserve the fish in the wild because we could lose this species in the long run because of its high-extinction rate," he said.

The BFAR-RMTDC is focused on breeding malaga, aside from not yet another and abalone, because of the growing demand for high-value fish in the country, he said.

The RMTDC started to breed malaga in May and it was the second time that the breeding spawned.

"So we are confident that we have the effective technology as we are using the same spawning protocol," said Domenden.

"We are confident that we have the effective technology..."

For the first batch, the facility produced more than 1,000 fingerlings, while for the second batch, it produced 15,000 to 20,000 fingerlings, which are now 75 days old.

Ready for distribution

After 7-8 days, the fish are ready for stocking in bodies of water like rivers, the sea and ponds, he said.

The center-breeds two species of the fish—tigatsa (picture) (Indian scats) and tigatsa (Javanese). Both are similar in appearance, but the former are considered mainly mature at eight months and are so distributed at the hatchery for free months, after which they develop eggs (female) and milt (male).

Domenden said the center also needs to decongest the breeding ponds.

"So we are planning to give the excess fingerlings to selected, qualified fish growers and release the others into the sea," he said.

"We cannot sell the fingerlings yet because we are at the level of testing of performances of hatchery-bred juvenile malaga," he said.

Training

The BFAR intends to commercialize the spawning technology and will train fishery technologists and people who want to establish their own hatcheries.

Domenden said this was the first time that malaga was bred in captivity in Luzon but there were efforts by Silliman State University to develop a spawning technology in the past. Yolanda Sotto, Inquirer NorthernLuzon

"MALAGA" is among the most common of fish being sold at the Bacnotan public market in Pangasinan. | www.inquirer.com.ph

Quezon store blast serves as wake-up call for cops

By Orville T. Pluma Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LUCENA CITY—An explosion that tore through a store that kept gasoline in a Quezon town and which killed two people served as a wake-up call for police to enforce a law prohibiting the direct sale of gasoline by bottles or containers that are not designed for handling explosive and combustible materials.

Senior Supt. Abraham de Leon, police chief of Quezon, directed all policemen in the province to immediately stop the direct sale of gasoline in bottles and containers not designed for preventing accidents.

De Leon gave the order after two people were killed and nine others were injured in an explosion that ripped through a store in San Narciso town last Nov. 3.

The explosion, according to investigators, was caused by the accidental lighting of a cigarette or with gasoline at the store.

In his directive, De Leon said all municipal police stations must coordinate with local fire authorities to assist them in the sale of gasoline and other highly combustible products.

De Leon also informed of the explosion in Barangay Alupay in San Narciso only as Muslim or members of the victims were hesitant in reporting the blast for fear of implicating themselves in the illegal trade of gasoline in the town.

Senior Insp. Nilo Dabovilla, data investigator, said the cause of the victims of the explosion are related to each other.

Dabovilla said the village of Alupay is more than 12 kilometers from the town proper and the store that was destroyed by the explosion had supplied bottles to village tricycle drivers.

Relatives of the victims, most of them tricycle drivers, were forced to cooperate with the investigation when they were warned looking at the news single.

Dabovilla said the owner of the gasoline store, Nelanelo Espelita, is still at large. Espelita's wife and nine children and four other victims suffered various burns in the blast and are still confined in Manila hospitals.

The investigators found that some of the victims had been playing cards in the store when Espelita tried to pull off a prank and lit a gasoline container sitting near the victims, setting off the explosion.

Ecija cops won't nab vice mayor's brother in engineer's slay

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija—Police are looking at a land dispute as a possible motive behind the shooting and killing of an engineer allegedly by the brother of this town's vice mayor in Barangay Sinoc on Saturday.

Senior Insp. Joseph Wu, Gen. town police chief, said Alexander Mejia, 67, also a businessman, was surveying a parcel of land in Sitio Dalo with Mario Fuentino, a geodetic engineer, and Genaforino Lumias at about 5 p.m. when Erwin Alfonso, brother of Vice Mayor Elbin Alfonso Jr., arrived and confronted the group.

Land grab

According to Wu, Ural, there was a heated argument between Mejia and Alfonso that led to Alfonso shooting Mejia with a handgun. Police, however, have yet to arrest Alfonso.

Chona Mejia-Lopez, the victim's sister, said her brother was trying to recover his property in this town, which he left a few years ago when he went abroad to attend to a business venture.

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The heinous on Wednesday led to reach Alfonso through Vice Mayor Alfonso but police officials said the vice mayor was not yet ready to talk to reporters regarding the issue.

Influential

Sta. Cruz said the provincial police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group has joined the investigation on Wednesday and started collecting pieces of evidence and statements so they could file a case against Alfonso.

Lopez asked the police to ensure the safety of Fuentino and Lumias, the witnesses in the case, because of the perceived influence of the suspect's family.

"They fear for their lives because the suspect is very influential," she said.

Ms. Cruz said he has assigned policemen to ensure the witnesses. Armando Gadiang, Inquirer Central Luzon

Teacher seized by kidnappers at home in Zambo del Norte town

DAPITAN CITY—Kidnappers struck again in Zamboanga del Norte, seizing a teacher inside her house barely a week after a mayor of a town in the province was released by his captors after his family paid more than P1 million in ransom.

Rodolfo Dagohoy, 48, teacher and resident of Barangay Lubason in Siking town, was preparing dinner at home when armed men barged in and took her, according to police.

A relative, Lubason village chief Cesing Mercelita, was spotted by police as eating Dagohoy was taken to the village road by at least 13 armed men at around 7 p.m. on Tuesday after she was taken from her house.

The gunmen and their victim passed by a police station in the village but the lone policeman on duty was nonchalant and threatened, according to Chief Supt. Napoleon Estilles, head of the Western Mindanao police, which has jurisdiction over Zamboanga del Norte.

The lone policeman on duty identified only as PO3 Sedfa, lost his M-16 rifle to the gunmen who pointed their guns at him, according to Estilles.

The suspects and their captive took a boat to a still undetermined location, according to Estilles. He said the city police is now coordinating with Task Force Zamboanga, a law enforcement group formed to prevent kidnappings and other crimes in the city.

Dagohoy's is the latest case of a teacher being kidnapped here and in other parts of Mindanao. It came barely a week after the release of Jeffrey Lim, mayor of Siking town, who was kept captive by kidnappers for at least seven months.

Lim's family admitted spending P1.3 million for the release of Jeffrey but refused to call it ransom. They called it "bound and lodging fee" and paid only to negotiators.

In January 2000, suspected Abu Sayyaf gunmen snatched three teachers as they were returning to mainland Zamboanga from Isabel Island.

The victims were released a few weeks later.

In November 2008, two teachers were also snatched in Lamitan City in Basilan but were freed shortly after their abduction.

On Dec. 8, 2011, chief residents of Barangay Lubason have rallied in attempt to kidnap three families residing in their village.

In Tawi-Tawi, police captured the killing of an elementary school principal of Mindanao State University also on Tuesday.

Supt. Rodolfo Aucoin, police chief of Tawi-Tawi, identified the victim as Pandilla Panasiran.

Aucoin said Panasiran was nursing the corpse and of the Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish at around 5 p.m. on Tuesday when she was shot by a lone assailant.

Aucoin said the victim was shot once and said investigators find the victim was shot point blank because the wound (or gunshot) was not find found."

Julie Alipala and Karlos Manlupig, Inquirer Mindanao

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES
EPISCOPAL COMMISSION ON FAMILY AND LIFE

Statements Against the RH Bill Amendments

As proposed by its proponents in the lower house

The CBCP Commission on Family and Life is against the latest version of House Bill 4244.

Despite some good amendments, this latest version remains harmful because of the bad provisions that are still there. I will cite only one example: the promotion of contraception or artificial methods of birth control is still very much a part of it. In fact, the promotion of contraception is a constitutive or an essential part of this latest version.

It is a marked improvement that, in the third paragraph of Section 2 – Declaration of Policy, the latest version prohibits "reproductive health care services, methods, devices and supplies" which prevent the implantation of a fertilized ovum. These methods, devices and supplies are abortifacient. In a news item of The Philippine Star, dated October 19, 2012, on page 11, we read: He (Speaker Feliciano Belmonte) said one of the changes introduced in the new bill is a provision ensuring that the process of fertilization and conception would not be impeded. "Once fertilization occurred, nothing should obstruct the fertilized egg from then on," he stressed.

Even though it limits the giving of "free reproductive health care, services, and supplies to the poor and marginalized," this does not make the bill acceptable because it is wrong to promote contraception and give free contraceptives whether to the rich or the poor. History has proven that contraception also brings physical and moral harm in its train. We remain steadfast in our position: the poor do not stand to gain anything from contraceptive use. Poverty cannot be solved – neither fully nor partially – by contraceptive use and its promotion.

Despite some good amendments, this latest version of HB 4244 is not acceptable because of its bad provisions.

We would like to reiterate that our aim in objecting against the HB 4244 is too protect not only the good of Catholics but the good of all, Catholics and non-Catholics.

Bishop GABRIEL V. REYES, S.D.Chairman, Episcopal Commission on Family and Life Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines

MISSING THE POINT

In a desperate effort to get the Reproductive Health Bill approved before the Christmas break, its authors in the House of Representatives have decided to cangle to its opponents and to the general public a "lamer, watered-down version" of the controversial measure.

The re-packaged Bill seeks to mislead everyone into believing that everything unconstitutional, immoral, dangerous to the health particularly of women, and therefore unacceptable in the Bill has been deleted and expunged through the proffered amendments.

A close reading of the repackaged bill shows that it is still the same bill. The amendments do not address the fundamental objections to the bill. On surface, the amendments appear to bridge the gap separating the proponents from the objectors. But upon closer scrutiny and beneath the veneer of an attempted compromise, the revisions really do little to save the Bill. The reason is simple: THE AMENDMENTS MISS THE POINT.

What is wrong with the **Bill is the Bill itself.** It is inherently destructive, unconstitutional, wasteful, and redundant. Here's why:

1. Stripped to its bare essentials, the Bill is really a population-control measure. No amount of denial from its authors, or words to the contrary in the Bill, can fudge the fact that its purpose is to pare down drastically our population growth. The clandestine the Bill as a poisonous pill, threatening our nation's long-term stability and existence. Countries that went this route (e.g., Singapore and Russia) have since cursed this path and reversed their course, their aging population and vanishing workforce serving as grim reminders of their blunder. We should learn from their painful mistake. We should build on the encouraging study made by the HSBC Banking Corporation, which claims the Philippines as one of the promising economies in the world due, among others, to its population. Indeed, population is a boon, not a bane, when people are properly trained and educated.

2. In targeting the poor, the revised Bill impliedly blames this marginalized sector for the economic woes of our country. Majority of our people are mired in poverty not because of their number, but due to years of neglect, indifference, and apathy by other stakeholders. Population is not the cause of poverty; it is poor governance, corruption in government, lack of employment opportunities, poor education and lack of training of the underprivileged.

3. The revised Bill impinges on people's constitutional rights.

For example, while it purports to respect the right of an individual to refuse to extend health care services based on religious beliefs, the Bill compels him, under threat of imprisonment, to "refer the person seeking such care and services to another healthcare service provider within the same facility or one conveniently accessible who is willing to provide the requisite information and services." (Sec. 26 (c)(3)). By obligating the conscientious objector to make the referral, the Bill effectively forces him to become a party to what his beliefs may consider to be a sinful act, in violation of his religious rights.

The provision on sex education effectively forces parents to surrender (i) their Constitutional right to raise and develop the moral character of their children (see Art. II, Sec. 12 of the Constitution), and (ii) their statutory right to care and rear their minor children for the development of their moral, mental and physical characteristics and well-being. (see Art. 209, Family Code). While the revised Bill would give parents the option not to allow their minor children to attend classes pertaining to reproductive health and sexuality education, this "safety-valve" is meaningless and impossible to implement given the Bill's mandate to integrate reproductive health and sexuality education "in all relevant subjects" of the curriculum.

Another example of its unconstitutionality is Section 28(a)(1), which penalizes any health care provider who shall "knowingly withhold information or restrict the dissemination thereof, and/or intentionally provide incorrect information regarding the programs and services on reproductive health, including the right to informed choice and access to a full range of legal, medically-safe and effective family planning methods". By forcing the health care provider to spread the line of contraception–and punishing him for expressing his own opinion and beliefs against it–the provision violates the individual's freedom of speech and religion. To the extent that it restrains the desire to speak his mind, the prohibition constitutes unlawful prior restraint.

Section 26 (a)(2) is also objectionable to the extent that it allows the beneficiary of reproductive health services to proceed with the procedure despite protest from the other spouse. Such evident bias for population control promotes division and disunity in the family at the expense of the Constitutional dictum recognizing "the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation" and directing the State to "strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development." (Art. XV, Sec. 1 of the Constitution). It is also invasive of the couple's privacy.

4. The revised Bill's avowed adherence to freedom of choice is misleading. Since at least 70-80 % of the Bill deals with the sale, distribution, teaching and use of contraceptives and artificial birth-control methods, the effect of its penal provisions is to coerce individuals to promote, dispense, and teach these supplies and devices, contrary to the Bill's pronouncement of free choice.

5. Much of what the revised Bill seeks to do is based on the implied premise that pregnancy is a disease, which is why scarce resources of government are to be used to prevent it. Pregnancy is not a disease, but a gift from God. It represents life, which no less than the Constitution protects from inception (see Art. II, Sec. 12).

6. The revised Bill distorts the Constitutional order of rights by equating reproductive rights with the traditional rights found in the Constitution. The so-called "reproductive rights" are not among the rights specifically protected by the Constitution, unlike the rights associated to life, family and religion. At best, reproductive rights are mere derivatives of the general rights to life and family. Thus, any recognition and guarantee of reproductive health rights must always be subject to and consistent with the State's over-arching duty to protect life, family, and religion.

7. The revised Bill promotes a warped sense of priorities. It would spend billions of pesos on contoms, pills, and other contraceptive devices, while thousands of people are dying of cancer, tuberculosis, diabetes, dengue, and other dreaded diseases without the benefit of medical attention. In particular, it would require PhilHealth to "pay for the full cost of family planning" if the beneficiary "wishes to space or prevent her next pregnancy". Why is family planning given special attention? What about those who are truly sick? Who will pay for their medicine? Why are beneficiaries of family planning singled out for a guaranteed financial support? This is a case of double standard prohibited by the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

8. Some of the amendments are just lip-service. A case in point is the statement on "being open to life", which is negated by the Bill's overwhelming bias for contraception as shown by its aggressive funding and distribution of contraceptives, the grant of incentives to participants, and the threat of imprisonment against those who will frustrate its goals. Worse, the Bill practically nullifies the statement by subjecting it to the condition that "parents should bring forth to the world only those children that they can raise in a truly humane way." The condition betrays the Bill's intention to have the government step in and prevent the onset of life when it believes the couple is incapable of raising a child in a truly humane way. This should alarm us because it opens the door to forced contraception and sterilization.

9. Finally, the revised Bill is superfluous and unnecessary. Its best features—the provision of pre-natal services to women especially the poor– are already enshrined in existing laws, the most notable of which is the Magna Carta for Women. Even the right to contraception is assured in those laws. Being a mere surplusage, the Bill serves no other purpose than to create another potential source of corruption. In this regard, we note the report of the Phil. Daily Inquirer quoting Renaud Meyer, the United Nations Development Program country director that the Philippines loses P1.92 billion to corruption every year. In 2000, the cost of corruption was 10% of GNP. A more recent estimate puts it at close to 20% of the national budget.

With all its infirmities, the RH Bill—if passed into law—will succeed in only one thing: force or condition the minds of people to see contraceptives and other forms of reproductive health services at the expense of their fundamental rights. With the liberties of the citizenry trampled, and the national coffers pooled—only the manufacturers and distributors of these artificial family planning devices and services—and others with their own hidden agenda—stand to benefit from this proposed legislation.

Finally, instead of allowing a discredited foreign population-control program to divide our nation and dissipate our precious resources, let us unite in pursuing a genuine development plan that will propel our country to greater economic heights, and in preserving the liberties and unique Filipino values bequeathed to us by our forefathers and gained with the blood of martyrs.

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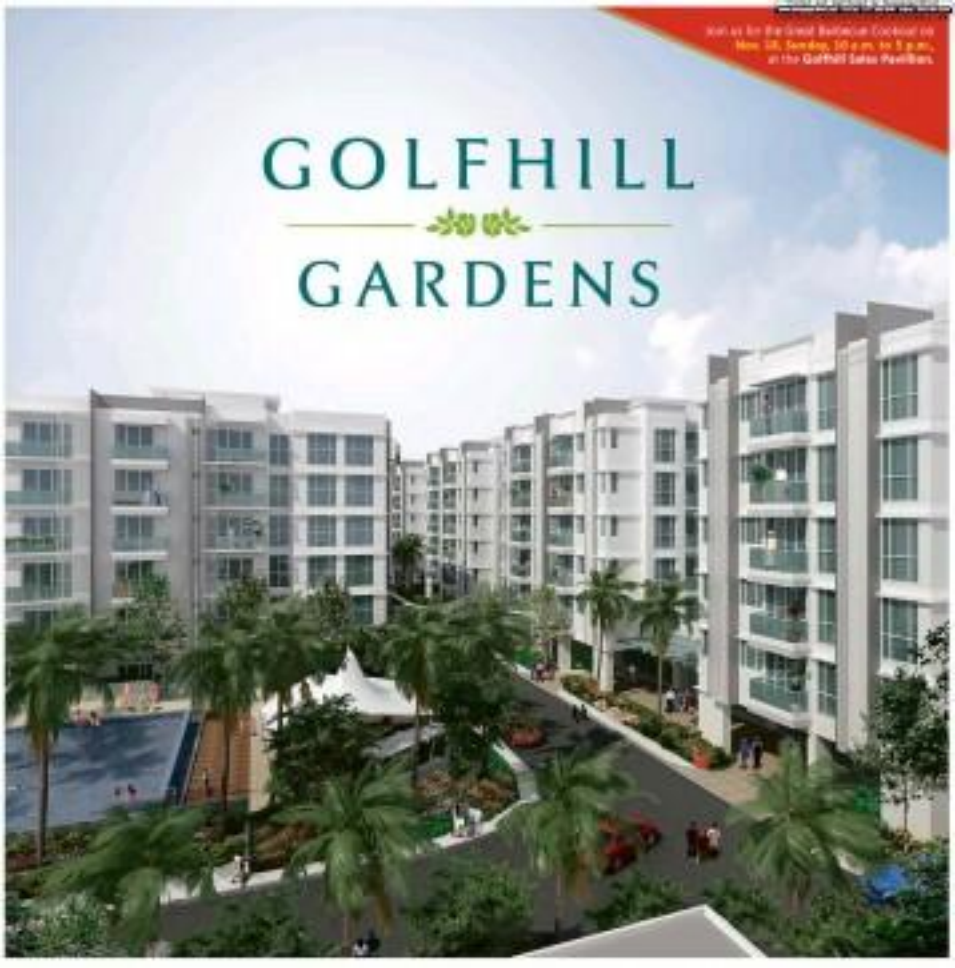

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THE NATIONAL Capital Region has the highest jail population among the country's regions as of September with more than 19,000 of the over 72,000 inmates nationwide, according to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology. **Aniket Bordoloi, Inquirer Research**

Gutsy guard vs crafty cabbie

OFW's P1,200 ride bares Naia taxi scam

By Marcia B. Brizuela

A TAXI driver was arrested Tuesday afternoon after he and his accomplice allegedly coerced a returning overseas Filipino worker (OFW) into paying P1,200 for a short ride from Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) to a bus terminal in Pasay City, a distance normally costing just about a fifth of that amount.

Police said this scam had been victimizing arriving passengers at Naia, especially those who had also at the departure section instead of taking accredited yellow taxis at the arrival bay.

It took a security guard of Victory Liner bus company to apprehend Jaime Nawal, 44, after the guard sensed that Nawal and his female passenger were having a heated exchange over the exorbitant fare.

Nawal's male partner—a "tanker" identified only as "Hapon" who helped him get passengers at Naia and who also boarded the cab when the targeted victim got in—was also in custody.

Nawal and the barker allegedly intimidated and overcharged Mona Liza Dy, 38, who took Nawal's white Diamond taxi (TXY 838) at Naia's Terminal 2 around 2 p.m. Tuesday and asked to be taken to the Victory Liner terminal on Edsa, Pasay.

SPO1 Faustino Echato Jr. noted that Dy, instead of asking one of the yellow taxis queued at the Naia arrival bay, opted for a regular cab at the departure area, thinking it would be cheaper. Dy had just arrived after working for three months in Hong Kong.

In a complaint, Dy said the barker approached her at the departure bay and pointed him to Nawal's cab, even helping her load her luggage. Before she boarded, the barker assured her that she only had to pay the amount based on the meter reading.

But to her surprise, Dy said, the barker also got into the cab, taking the four passengers seat and claiming he was just hitching a ride to a nearby destination.

While on their way to the Victory Liner terminal on Edsa, Nawal and Hapon suddenly demanded P1,200 from the passenger, saying it was the usual rate going to that area.

Dy said she initially refused but finally gave in because the fare rate were reasonable. Upon arrival at the bus terminal, Dy handed the P1,200 to the driver—but complained loudly about the rates.

Security guard Benito Sindaong noticed the heated exchanges between the victim and the driver. He was approaching the vehicle when it drove off.

The armed guard then gave chase using a company car of Victory Liner and cornered Nawal near Heritage Hotel, Echato said.

Sindaong got hold of the driver but failed to secure Hapon who was located Buendia Boulevard.

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De Lima seeks resumption of Barrameda murder trial

By Christine O. Avendaño

WITH the arrest of a possible second key witness in the Eddy Rose Barrameda murder case, the government is taking steps to ensure that the trial that has been stalled since February will soon resume, Justice Secretary Leila de Lima said yesterday.

De Lima made the announcement after she met with the team prosecuting the Barrameda case whose members include reprieved witness Rolen Paulino, Department of Justice and the Office of the Solicitor General.

Speaking to reporters, she said that she had congratulated and acknowledged the work done by the NBI team which arrested Jun-jun Reynaldo Prince who had been hiding in the city of Cotabato, Isabela province.

Prince, who wants to be a state witness, has admitted that he drove Barrameda from her house in Dasmariñas City to a warehouse in Tarlac in 2007.

He has also confessed that he pointed cement into the drum where the victim's body had been placed and that he was the one who threw the drum off the Navotas Fish Port.

Barrameda's body was found early in 2008 after one of her alleged lookers, Mustard Monteros, tipped off the police about its whereabouts.

Monteros, who also linked Reyes to the crime, had applied to turn state witness but his offer was denied by the Court of Appeals which said he failed to satisfy all the requirements under the revised rules of court.

DE LIMA

BARRAMEDA

With the arrest of Prince, De Lima said she had instructed the OSG to "find (a means) to trigger the early resolution by the Court of Appeals of the pending motion for reconsideration" filed by the OSG on behalf of the DOJ (Department of Justice)."

She said she wanted Prince arraigned as soon as possible but because of a ruling by the appellate court in February, which ordered the trial's suspension, it was hard for the government to move.

"You feel so helpless. That's really irritating. You want the case to move, you want the wailing resume but you can't do anything because of the (court's) ruling," De Lima lamented.

In February, the court ordered the trial stopped indefinitely while it was hearing the petition filed by Barrameda's lawyers in Jan and one of the accused, Mustard Monteros Jr., who sought the withdrawal of the judge handling the case.

The court later decided to dismiss Monteros' plea.

Korean-led telco scam busted

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation on Monday arrested five people, including a Korean national, for allegedly running illegal bypass call operations from a building in Pasay City, the agency disclosed yesterday.

The NBI said the syndicate was headed by Soon Hoang Park, who founded the Korean Internet Association of the e-commerce law. Also charged were Park's Filipino employees identified as Jennifer Jaropay, Jessandra Orellana, Carlo Santos and Christine Hermoso.

The bureau was alerted to the group's operations following a complaint from telecom giant Smart Communications Inc.

Atty. Ishak dela Rosa, external counsel for Smart, said the company lost about P1 million in revenues because of the group's activities.

NBI agents raided two units at JBL Building in Leveriza that allegedly served as the group's base of operations and seized several pieces of equipment that could make international calls register as domestic calls.

Del Rosario said the confiscated items also included thousands of SIM cards from Smart and other telecom companies. —Nancy Carvajal

Closing the book on Pestaño case

FILIPE Pestaño, father of Ensign Philip Pestaño, whose death turned the Armed Forces, in general, and the Philippine Navy, in particular, told me to read Senate Resolution 908 issued on Jan. 29, 2008.

(See Duguite Letters to the Editor, Feb. 5, 2012.)

The Joint Senate Committee Report, the elder Pestaño said, concluded that there was a coverup in Ensign Pestaño's death.

Why can't the elder Pestaño accept the fact that his son killed himself?

The following are the believers and other have surrounding Ensign Pestaño's death:

Three weeks before his death, Pestaño cut his wrist.

He was taken to the Southern Command Hospital where he was diagnosed to be emotionally and psychologically unstable.

Philip's parents didn't want him to marry his girlfriend, Joanna Yuson.

Yuson complained to the Armed Forces Provost Marshal for Pvt. (who's alleged) breach of his promise to marry her.

There were no illegal drugs, arms and logs aboard BRP Rizalde Ola as alleged by Pestaño's parents.

It was Philip who was taking drugs, according to the testimony of Ensign Bienvenido Pestaño.

The ammunition transported by BRP Rizalde Ola belonged to the Philippine Army.

The bullet was given by Tuwi brod Gov. Rodolfo Macho to the Navy's flag officer in command (FOIC) of the area.

Don Pepe, as the elder Pestaño is known, used to be the biggest contractor in the Navy.

He is a good friend of many admirals (who) he knows like the back of his hand.

That is probably the reason why Navy admirals don't counsel him.

The present Navy FOIC, Rear Adm. Alex Pama, used to be the exec officer of the Pestaño case, convincing the media and public (that) the officers and men involved in his murder were innocent.

Now come Pama to save himself by silence? The reason is probably what I noted earlier.

There is no Senate Resolution regarding the Pestaño murder case as Don Pepe claims. The only Senate document on the case says Ensign Philip Pestaño could not have committed suicide.

However, the sponsor of the Senate report, Sen. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, did not sign the report. She probably didn't believe her own report.

The forensic reports that the Pestaño family hired after Dr. Raquel Fortun, whom they hired but later dismissed after she concluded that it was a suicide, were not expert at all.

Wayne Hill, one of the so-called forensic experts, was found to be an ambulance driver and stand-up comedian.

The Commission on Human Rights never conducted its investigation into Ensign Pestaño's death, relying less Pepe's allegation in the Letters to the Editor that the CHR had concluded he son was murdered.

The Navy line-of-duty board conducted the inquest of helping the homicide chain death benefits for their son. They were able to claim Over-but Life Insurance about P25 million.

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And dear readers and the Office of the Ombudsman, read this.

Don Pepe called Cmdr. Rey Lopez and Cmdr. Leobrigo Cavile, two of the officers implicated in his son's alleged murder, to a meeting on Aug. 31, 2012.

Attorney Sen. Agullino Pascual tried to convince the two to become state witnesses.

Lopez and Cavile refused outright.

They also recently recorded their conversation.

METROBRIEFS

Cop drug users face ax

THE HEAD of the Southern Police District (SPD) has ordered an investigation into reports that many of its men are illegal drug users. "I have already alerted our Internal Affairs Service to be more vigilant and their we will also collect our police officers to suppress random drug tests as part of the effort of the Philippine National Police to weed out drug users from among its ranks," SPD director Chief Supt. Benito Estipona said in an interview yesterday. All the same time, he called on his men to set a good example for the public by avoiding drugs. Estipona also said that his office was reviewing all the records of personnel involved in the fight against illegal drugs and that to avoid contradiction, fellow police officers found to have violated the rules will be charged before a summary dismissal proceedings. The SPD is composed of 3,800 policemen in charge of keeping peace in the cities of Pasay, Makati, Parañaque, Las Piñas, Muntinlupa, Taguig and the municipality of Pateros. —Marvin B. Dacuyan

Rob gang member falls

A MEMBER of a notorious robbery gang targeting condominium units and houses was arrested yesterday morning after he was linked to a recent break-in where the homeowner lost P1.5 million. SPO4 Elmer de la Cruz, Bacoor City Police District chief and robbery section chief, said that Christopher Cesarenos, 30, is an alleged member of the Ryan Fernandez gang which is being blamed for several break-in thefts in Manila, Francisco, the group leader, is detained in Patalig City, Mindanao, for a similar crime. Cesarenos was arrested after he attended a meeting for a burglary case at the San Juan City Regional Trial Court. His co-respondents in the case include Francisco and three other men. His arrest came after he was positively identified by the owner of Blue Orbit, an artwork, the robbers stole. He said the entered the house of the latter, Imelda Ruiz, in Barangay Tabon Bacoor, Cavite, recently and made off with P1.5 million in jewelry and other valuables. Cebu said Cesarenos was pointed as part of the break-in of the Ruiz's and another man escaped to get into the house by pushing their way past but when she opened the gate to let another member out. The three men then handed her and the cabinet maker inside a room and Cesarenos blocked the door with a refrigerator to prevent them from getting out. They were able to escape with its loot they cut other 20 minutes but by then, the robbers had already left after ransacking the house. —John M. Aurelio

Inner wellness summit set

THE SCIP Foundation Inc., known as The Caring Group, confirms its annual summit in Silay Chapel with their wellness summit for enhancing personal power within. "If Your Kid acts to 6:30p.m. in Gregor Hall at Ateneo de Manila Grade School. Package your life fullness and empower your spirit through encouraging and motivating presentations. Every laughter yoga, DV dance, drum girl and Qigong, and Reiki hospitality program designed personal living. For tickets and information, call 4360710 or 426-6002 or email the_foundation@yahoo.com or check the website at www.ateneo.ng

Clouds part, total solar eclipse darkens north Australia

SYDNEY—From boats bobbing on the Great Barrier Reef, to far off the harbour hovering over the Whitsundays, and the hilltops and beaches in between, tens of thousands of scientists, tourists and amateur astronomers watched as the sun, moon and Earth aligned and plunged northern Australia into darkness during a total solar eclipse on Wednesday.

Stubborn clouds that many feared would ruin the view parked—somewhat—in north Queensland, defying forecasts of a total eclipse-viewing haze and relieving spectators who had feared not to glimpse the celestial phenomenon.

PEOPLE watch the total solar eclipse from the beach at Palm Cove in Australia's Tropical North Queensland. AP

"Extraordinarily lucky, I was thinking, 'Are we gonna see this?' And we sure had a fantastic display—it was just fantastic," said Rory Cuttle of the Australian Astronomical Association of Queensland, who has seen a dozen total solar eclipses over the years. "And right after it finished, the clouds came back again. It really adds to the drama of it."

Spectators whooped and clapped with delight as the moon passed between the sun and Earth, leaving a slice of the continent's southeast in sudden darkness.

Starting just after dawn, the eclipse cast its 150-km shadow in Australia's Northern Territory, crossed the northeastern tip of the country and rose over deep forest across the South Pacific, where no islands are in its direct path. A partial eclipse was visible from east Indonesia, the eastern half of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and southern parts of Chile and Argentina. Totality—the darkness that happens at the peak of the eclipse—lasted just over two minutes in the parts of Australia where it was visible.

Dismay weather had left many eclipse-chasers who had travelled to Australia from around the globe anxious that they wouldn't be able to see a thing. But the clouds moved into

The WORLD

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Lawmakers probe widening scandal

WASHINGTON—US lawmakers are digging into the tangled tale of e-mails that exposed an extramarital affair ending David Petraeus' Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) career and led investigators to a questionable relationship between a Florida socialite and the general commanding the war in Afghanistan.

GEN. John Allen (left) and Gen. David Petraeus (center) greet Defense Secretary Leon Panetta in this file photo. AP

Three main questions: Was classified security threatened?

The extramarital affair was between Petraeus and his biographer Paula Broadwell, who US officials say was harassing, sending e-mails to a woman she apparently saw as a rival for Petraeus' affections. That woman, Jill Kelley, in turn texted thousands of sometimes flirtatious e-mail messages with Gen. John Allen, possible evidence of another inappropriate relationship.

Petraeus, who led US military efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, resigned his CIA post Friday, acknowledging his extramarital affair with Broadwell and preventing deep regret.

The CIA's acting director, Michael Morell, warned lawmaking lawmakers' questions Tuesday on Capitol Hill, meeting with top Senate intelligence officials to explain the CIA's take on the events that led to Petraeus' resignation last week after he acknowledged the affair. The lawmakers are especially concerned over reports that Broadwell had classified information on her laptop, though Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigators say they concluded there was no security breach. Morell was expected to meet with the leaders of the House intelligence committee on Wednesday.

President Barack Obama is expected to make his first statement on the widening scandal Thursday, during a press briefing or news conference at the White House.

But the scandal threatens to overshadow Obama's economic agenda this week, ahead plans for a smooth transition in his national security team and complicates war planning during a critical time in the Afghanistan war effort.

Allen has been allowed to stay in his job as commander of the Afghan war and provide a leading voice in White House discussions on how many troops will remain in Afghanistan—and for what purpose—after US-led combat operations end in 2014. But Obama put on hold Allen's nomination to become the next commander of US European Command as well as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) supreme allied commander in Europe, at the request of US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, amid Pentagon investigators are able to sift through the 20,000-plus pages of documents and e-mails that involve Allen and Kelley.

The FBI decided to turn over the Allen information to the military once the bureau recognized it contained no evidence of a federal crime, according to a federal law enforcement official who was not authorized to discuss the matter on the record and demanded anonymity. Adultery, however, is a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Allen, 56, insisted he'd done nothing wrong and worked to carve his image-filled career.

Known as a close friend of Petraeus, Kelley, 37, triggered the FBI investigation that led to the retired four-star general's downfall as CIA director when she complained about getting anonymous, harassing e-mails. They turned out to have been written by Petraeus' mistress, Broadwell, who apparently was jealous of the attention the general paid to Kelley. AP

Last 4 US generals in Afghanistan dismissed, careers tainted

KABUL—As the international military headquarters in Kabul, it's jokingly being called the curse of the commander's job.

The last four US generals to run the Afghan war were either forced to resign or saw their careers tainted by allegations of wrongdoing.

The first, Gen. David McKiernan, was ousted on May 11, 2009, a year before his term as commander was set to end. Then-Defense Secretary Robert Gates wanted McKiernan's resignation as newly elected President Barack Obama launched a counterinsurgency strategy of working to undermine the Taliban's political influence among the population.

It was the first presidential dismissal of a wartime general since President Harry Truman ousted Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War.

Obama replaced McKiernan with Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, who had a background in special operations and came in with a mandate to escalate the war effort with the help of "surge" troops. But he lasted only 15 months.

In June 2010, Rolling Stone published an article that quoted scathing remarks McChrystal and his aides made about their civilian bosses, including Vice President Joseph Biden, in both who were ignorant of the complexities of war. Obama called McChrystal back to Washington to explain and forced him to resign.

Gen. David Petraeus took over the Afghan command in July 2010 to fill the void left by McChrystal's abrupt departure and agreed to serve for one year. He completed that term and then retired from the military to become Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director in September 2011.

Petraeus resigned as CIA director on Nov. 9 after he had an extramarital affair with his biographer. The affair came out as part of an Federal Bureau of Investigation probe into suspicious e-mails between the biographer and another woman.

The current chief, Gen. John Allen, was appointed by Obama to oversee the drawdown of US and international forces ahead of the planned transfer of security responsibility to the Afghan government in 2014.

Pentagon officials said Tuesday that Allen, 58, is under investigation for thousands of alleged "inappropriate communication" with the second woman involved in the Petraeus case, a Florida socialite. Allen's nomination to become the next commander of US European Command and the commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in Europe has now been put on hold.

Deploying Allen to be confirmed for his new post, Obama had already chosen Gen. Joseph Dunford to succeed him. If confirmed, Dunford would be the 15th top commander there since 2002, a revolving door of generals that some analysts say is detrimental to the war effort.

"Rotating top commanders on an annual basis makes no management sense," Thomas E. Ricks, a senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, wrote in an opinion piece published on Sunday in the New York Times. "Imagine trying to run a corporation by swapping the senior executives every year. Or imagine if, at the beginning of 1944, six months before D-Day, Gen. George C. Marshall, the Army chief of staff, told Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme allied commander, that it was time to give someone else a chance to lead." AP

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Big Chill eyes piece of lead vs C. Lhuillier

By Marc Anthony Reyes

BIG CHILL seeks a piece of the lead when it tangles with Cebuano Lhuillier today in the PBA D-League Aspirants Cup at Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig City.

After beating Jose Rizal University and Blackwater Sports, the Appecbumpers try to tie the idle defending champion NLEX Road Warriors at the top when they face the Geese at 4 p.m.

Team Eliksem also go for a third straight win in the 2 p.m. match against Cebu Fresco after dropping their first game to the Road Warriors last Oct. 30.

While momentum is on their side, the Appecbumpers expect a tough game against the Geese, who will be out to bounce back from a recent defeat to league pacesetter Café France.

"We are expecting Lhuillmen to go all out since they are coming off a loss to their last game. But we'll be ready for anything Cebuano we could give us," Big Chill coach Robert Jeruta said.

The Geese absorbed a 91-90 loss to Fruitas after Nitz Lorenzo dubbed two free throws with 0.7 seconds left in the game.

The top two teams after the single round eliminations automatically advance to the semifinals. The No. 3 to 6 will match in the quarterfinals with the third- and fourth-ranked teams enjoying crucial twice-to-beat edge.

SUBWAY Texas Aldrich gets fouled on his way to the hoop by Air 21 center Hanay Bautista.

ALEXANDRA DIZ

Express keep on soaring, repulse Aces

By Mannix R. Castillo

SHOOTING a lot of accuracy in a solid and mostly frantic, but 21 unrelated, a dialed six-digit total and eight by splitting Alaska, 104–101, in the PBA Philippine Cup offense-heavy at Smart Araneta Coliseum.

Mark Isip hit the winning jumper with 0.1 seconds remaining as the Express survived the loss of a 17-point first half lead and rose to the middle of the standings with a 6-5 card while dealing the Aces a third straight defeat.

Mike Cataldo scored 21 points and five others turned in twin digits, with new acquisition Mike Cortez churning out a second straight double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds, the last of Bruce Bowles finding the hands of Isip.

"Alaska didn't quit," said coach Franz Pumaren, who notched the first three-game winning streak of his coaching career. "Good thing that our team still able to regroup."

Cortez also hauled 19 Cone to unleash a wild attempt on the potential game-winning play for the Aces in the dying seconds.

Calvin Abueva, Alaska's prodigious rookie, was hampered by foul trouble but rallied the Aces in the winning minutes, converting on a rare four-point play off Bradley Gonzales that highlighted a rebuttal lead spurt by the Aces.

Also financial they hit a three of his own to boost the count at 100 before Abueva had a steal, missed a breakaway dunk and grabbed the miss for another two points that denied Alaska in a 102–100 lead with 1:47 left.

Alaska took the lead for the last time at 103–102 after Cyrus Baguio split his shanties off Hollard Gocolon with 23.2 left.

"This is the first time that we beat a 200 team," Pumaren said. "Hopefully, we could carry it."

John Wilmore Reed 13 points, Isip finished with 12 like Cortez, and James Yeno and Gonzales shot 11 apiece for the Express, who have become a high-scoring team ever since the arrival of Gerald two games ago.

The 21 clicked out a total of 29 assists while shooting close to 39 percent from two-point range and 6-of-20 from three-point zone.

Bowles led the Aces with 24, while Abueva went on to down 17 points and grab 10 rebounds.

Baguio was limited by the 16-21 debacle to just five points on eight attempts.

GAMES TODAY (Ynares Sports Arena)									
Alaska	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cebuano Lhuillier	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Blackwater	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Café France	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Jose Rizal	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cebu Fresco	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Appecbumpers	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
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Focused Japeth starts D-L 'audition'

By Jose Mariano

JAPETH Aguilar began working out with his team on Monday and the first Filipino to be drafted in the farm league of the NBA aims to impress potential manager Rich Lovelace and coach Nate Bjorkgren to clinch a regular spot in the Warriors' lineup.

"For me, I just want to concentrate and focus on what I'm supposed to do and the things I want to accomplish. Then again, in the Philippines, this is the first time it's happening, so it's a big deal for basketball followers there," Aguilar yesterday told SPARK.ph reporters.

"That's when the pressure comes in. Everyone wants to know how I'm doing. But when you get older, you get more mature. I don't want to feel down. I'm gonna do the best I can," he added.

The Santa Cruz Warriors, the D-league affiliate of the NBA Golden State Warriors, picked Aguilar in the seventh round (109th overall) of the league's recent rookie draft.

Team management should sign up the former Ateneo and Talk 'N Text spring hopeful to a one-year, NBA D-League's contract on Nov. 21. The Warriors will open the season against the Reno Bighorns on Nov. 30 at the Reno Events Center in Reno, Nevada.

"Filipinos expected really high things from me. When I didn't really live up to their expectations, that's when criticism came. That's the training point. I know I can do it. I just really need to be focused and work," said Aguilar.

Can Pacman convert into a thinking typhoon?

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

MANNY Pacquiao, trying to run to the moment when he was only 23, made an unscheduled pause last week to explain he may no longer have to really go back that far.

The Eleven-ish boxing superhero, preparing for his fourth bout against long-time nemesis Juan Manuel Marquez, said he must now pace himself and no longer train on weekends.

"How do you put it in tune," a friend from ESPN3 News asked.

"I'm 20," Pacquiao answered, readily adding he felt perfectly fine.

Pacquiao was 28 when he did the unexpected and stopped the great, hardly human Oscar De La Hoya in his first bout as a welterweight.

Of course, Pacquiao wouldn't've done everything and gone full blast—if his body would still allow it.

All for the simple reason that nothing down on training hours doesn't rhyme with the new smarter fighter."

"I believe I myself am smarter," he told Pagasian. "You're going to see that this time it will be different."

Pacquiao will also be out to deny the stigma that he's on a career decline.

"I have to prove they're wrong. I am still young and strong. I stay a young and respond with equal but unsaid."

A smart but life-saving, in short.

Meanwhile, out there in Mexico, trainer Nacho Beristain must be relishing all the latest info from the Wild Card Gym.

All for the simple fact that, based on case declarations, Pacquiao would, or have, be shoddy money come fight time.

Not to say that Mexicans know nothing to date the fourth from around.

But Beristain must've been doubly convinced there would be no need for significant drills.

"Pacquiao is like a typhoon that will meet a technical-class fighter in Juan Manuel," Beristain explained to one earlier interview.

Beristain said they would go for a happy ending, possibly a knockout.

Freddie Roach said he would not be pleased with anything short of a KO.

Still, Roach must make sure that, this time, it would not be a shifting, crouching cougar but a thinking typhoon for would-be chin-using on the sharp, shifty sly Mexican Pounds.

INVITATION: The Family and Pastoral Counselors Association of the Philippines hereby extends an invitation to us the Rational Conversion on Nov. 13-17. Venue is the Conference Hall of the University of the East, Recto Ave., Manila. Rosario Bonita is Family Counseling: Towards Resiliency, Empowerment and Transformation. Tel. call Stella Milan at 7594909 for inquiries.)

La Salle delivers 'Magic 8'

DE LA Salle-Pasay U needed to score eight goals to recover advance to the Final Four and that's exactly what they did converting cushing up-right goals to sweep past University of Perpetual Help System Dalta for the last semifinals berth in the UPCA Pre-Season Football Cup at the Philsports pitch in Pasig.

With seven goals completed heading to the ninth, Charles Uy converted a header in the 81st minute for the eighth goal, sending La Salle players and fans into ecstasy.

The Green Archers thus advanced by virtue of a higher goal differential while saving archrivals Ateneo-Fakfak from the trip of Group B with seven points heading into the semifinals on Thru. 10-4 Manalili and Ma. Rona Legaspi.

While Uy delivered the clinching goal, it was Eric Dimasaka who lifted the Archers in the second half, as he connected four goals, including a penalty kick in the 60th minute.

In the semifinals, La Salle-Pasay U meets Group C opponents and last year's UAAP runners up University of Santo Tomas, while the unbeaten Far Eastern University, which topped Group A, battles Group F Representative Batelec Agoncillo College.

The tournament is hosted by Mentor Head, Talent's Spring Water, SEO Outlook Sports, BIG Soccer Outlook Sports Store, Barbas, 2XS for Shoes Gomez Tea and Magical Juice and Controlled by PFFM member Chinese Taekwondo Inc., Sports Premiere Corp., Thunderbird Sports Corporation and Philippine Sports Commission. Visit Sony, Up 31, Mens Or Less, UFOlab, Cosmo Medium Gas, Sun Cocoa Manufacturing and Pt.

LA SALLE boosters go to work against Perpetual Help.

Stags, Lancers turn back rivals, boost PCCL semifinal bids

By Marc Anthony Reyes

JUTH clutch help from their big men, San Sebastian College and University of the Visayas downed separate rivals yesterday to keep their respective semifinal bids alive in the Philippine Collegiate Champion League at Cebu Coliseum.

Reigning MVP Jay Sangalang unloaded 29 points to power SBC to a 75-68 win over National University while UV romped past host fighting Holy Trinity College, 91-74, as both advance within a win of clinching a Final Four slot in the national finals.

The Stags will face the winner of the La Salle-Ateneo encounter today in a showdown for the lone qualifying slot in the Metro Manila eliminations while the Green Lancers will collide with the Cebu Islands Athletic Foundation for clean-cut bouts between University College of Cebu for the Southern Islands title and another bout in the nationals.

Sealed earlier in the nationals are UAAP champion Ateneo and MCAA titlist San Beda.

Sangalang, firing at will from close range, dominated his assignment duel with UAAP MVP Ray Parks, who could only score 12 points for the Bulldogs.

Power forward Ahmad "Ahmie" Espeleta led the Green Lancers with 23 points and got enough help from his teammates when the Wildcats tried to smash it's outfit's quarter uprising.

When the Wildcats moved to within two points, 70-68, with 1:16 to the fourth, Espeleta, the Cesafi rookie-MVP awardee, joined hands with John Michael Abad and Jimuel Gale to push UV safely away, 79-68.

A two-handed dunk by Cameroonian Inver Cedric Akomo made it 80-70 for UV with 53.9 to go.

Go raises threat of TRO on POC elections

By Jane Nazareno

ATHLETICS chief Go Teng Kok will seek a temporary restraining order if he is disqualified from running against Jose "Peping" Cojuangco Jr. in the Philippine Olympic Committee elections set Nov. 30 at the Mahiang Country Club.

The POC secretariat yesterday received the official copy of the Supreme Court decision junking the appeal of the local Olympic body and upholding the ruling of the Pasig RTC that Go, president of the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association, cannot be declared "persona non grata" by the POC general assembly.

Tasked to screen the eligibility of the candidates, the election committee chaired by former congressman Vicente Chavez earlier said an unauthenticated copy of the SC decision would allow Go to challenge Cojuangco for the POC presidency.

But a syllabic source said the POC will file a motion for reconsideration before the high tribunal after receiving the SC ruling on Go's case.

"I know it all along. They will try everything to disqualify me," Go told the Inquirer. "Once they file for a motion (for reconsideration), I will seek a TRO before the election happens."

Top POC officials, however, maintained that a TRO from the court is unnecessary as government intervention (last ousted from the International Olympic Committee) to suspend the Philippines is all POC-sanctioned events, including the Olympics.

Go said the Supreme Court has already sent copies of the decision to POC lawyers as early as Sept. 28 but the letter has remained in distinct secrets to keep from the media.

"For two weeks, they kept on saying they hadn't received the (SC) decision yet. They tried to buy time. Should they file for a motion, the case will drag on, rendering me ineligible to run," said Go.

"I was like the TRO any time and we body can scrap me."

Under Cojuangco's ticket are Tom Carlos of triathlon (Chief), Joey Romasanta of baseball (1st VP), Jeff Tamayo of soft tennis (2nd VP), Adam Catanduc of wushu (treasurer), Prospero Pichay (secretary) and executive board members Dave Carter (judo), Cynthia Carreon (gymnastics), Jonne Go (canoe-kayak) and sailing's Ernesto Echauz.

The opposition ticket is not swaying Go and has also fielded any chairbanger against Cojuangco.

Heading the opposition are Monico Puentevella of weightlifting (POC chief), Manny Lopez (1st VP), Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino of chess (2nd VP), Romy Albanes of squash (treasurer), Godofredo Gallardo of golf (auditor) and executive board members Victor Africa of boxing, basketball's Hector Navarro and Genaro Diaego of volleyball.

A former Ex-POC Sec here is set today at the 60th Bldg., Philippine Complex.

Two underdogs pace Canlubang with 69s

ELMER Salvas starts hot

CANLUBANG, Laguna—Journeyman Randy Santiago and Elmer Salvas churned out sparkling 3-under par 69s yesterday for a one-stroke lead over three tournament heavyweights after the first round of the ICTSI Canlubang Invitational at North course here.

Garaldo had an eagle-spiked seven of 37-32, while Salvas fired four birdies against a lone bogey over the two-front layout to share the lead over Jhard Abalos, Nestor Asenjo and the in-form Ian Reyson.

Garaldo actually had a horrid start, going three-over in his first five holes before holing out a wedge for a 2 on the short par-4 eighth hole and then finishing with three-straight birdies for one of his finest starts in a tournament.

Abalos, a second-year pro with four big victories, also finished hot with a 33, picking up three of his birds on the back nine even as Mark Fernando and Jomar Pepito fired 71s to round out the par breakers for the day.

Reyson, who won an Asian Development Tour leg in Malaysia two weeks ago, also closed out with a 33 and is definitely a dangerous customer over the course he calls home.

Robert Fernandez, the former Philippine Open champion making a break from the lucrative Japan Senior Tour like Franklin Mendoza, returned a level 71 along with three others with eight players shooting 73s in the last four shots off to the 54-hole tournament organized by Filipinas Golf Tournaments Inc.

Millares, the newly crowned Japan Senior Open champ, fired a 74 together with Esteban Cano and rookie Jude Bermudez with Mayuga also leading a seven-man group that shot 75s in the penultimate leg of the 15-stage circuit sponsored by ICTSI.

Defending champion Arsenio Muralcara continued to struggle, shooting a 76 to be in danger of missing the second round cut. Last year, Muralcara opened with a course-record 64 before going on to post a one-stroke eight-shot victory.

The other hotshots of the circuit are Jimpro Golf, Divisoc, Pooping Callaway, Taylor-Made, Mizuno, Srixon, Nike Golf, Cosmos Clubmakers and Sharp with Balls, Yuzlin 21, Dunnegrifter.com and Inquirer Golf as media partners. Manny B. Garcilla

Hole-in-Juan charity golf up Jan. 16

DON Bruce Matabalcoy high school alumni have banded together to organize the "Hole-in-Juan" charity golf tournament on Jan. 16, 2013 at Orchard Golf and Country Club in Dasmariñas, Cavite, to raise funds for the school's socio-civic projects.

"We hope to organize this big tournament to help Don Bruce in finding its projects, particularly in its sports programs," said Hershey's president and chief operating officer Vic Gregorio, a member of DB-Mato Balayong's high school batch of 1982, in Tuesday's PSA forum at Hershey's Malate.

"We have outstanding high school alumni who are supporting this project, but they are also identified by the colleges they graduate from," added Gregorio, who enrolled his second son Filipinas Governor Jonvic Remulla and Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario among the school's prominent graduates.

Gregorio was joined in the session sponsored by Smart, Pagcor and Hershey's by fellow alumni Israel Dimabuyu, Jun Tobias and Digi Henriquez, who will organize the one-day golfest for a cause offering a Mitsubishi Montero for the lucky raffle winner.

Donations and the tournament is open to graduates of Don Bruce Mandalayang, now the Don Bruce Technical College, and their friends, who can call DBTC alumni office at 5421832, 5316222 and 5336081 1280.

Mini-ROK Cup: Cabrera delivers

CABRIEL Cabrera

HADLOC-Kart Plaza kartet Gabriel Tayao Cabrera wrapped up the grueling two-race weekend by placing over all second runner-up in the Coca-Cola Mini-ROK invitational Cup at Carmona Race Track.

The 12-year-old Cabrera, who's also supported by Mindoro ELF Autos, Deli King Ice Ring and Wreckless Inc., managed to do well despite numerous mechanical troubles and a bent axle that resulted to his drained fluids in the penultimate leg of the series.

"We did our best but the consequences in the two-race weekend really made our (the chasers coach) toughest," said Cabrera. "But it was a great learning experience and I thank all those who helped me reach this feat."

Cabrera chief coach Edgen Dy-Liacco), coach Elson Cerpio, his Mom, Lulu and sponsors Ismail, DC, Kart Plaza, Mindoro ELF Autos, Deli King Ice Ring and Wreckless Inc.

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Cabrera will see action in the upcoming Red Bull Rust Off at Kart Tesk Roundland, leveling up by racing with a 125cc SQ kart for the first time. The 12-year-old Cabrera will be the event's youngest karter who will compete against experienced SQ karters in the grid.

Ex-Olympian Beech dies in sleep, 92

ENRIQUE Beech, who made a name for himself in shooting and football, died in his sleep yesterday. He was 92.

The two-time Olympian represented the country in the 1936 and 1960 top shooting events of the Olympics following a bronze-medal stint in the 1934 Asian Games.

Beech, a Philippine Sports Commission consultant who repeated his work regularly at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, was found dead by his wife at his De la Salle Sports Hall of Fame in 2010. Honored with him were the late Pete gonzalez, Florencio Campomanes and basketball legend Cabay "The Big Difference" Loyzaga.

Beech, who later on picked up the sport of golf, belonged to an elite group of former collegiate athletes who were enshrined to the San Beda Sports Hall of Fame in 2010. Honored with him were the late Pete gonzalez, Florencio Campomanes and basketball legend Cabay "The Big Difference" Loyzaga.

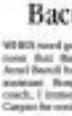
Jane Nazareno

Barako Bull, Baculi split

STARS raced gets rumored Tuesday afternoon that Barako Bull head coach Bonel Baculi had been replaced by ten-tournament Bong Ramos as interim coach. I immediately called up Rudy Caspeo for confirmation.

"We had to choose but to ask him to step down," said the Energy Coach later team manager and alternate governor to the PBA board.

"Take a look at our lineup record this conference and compare it to last season's performances. In the ongoing Philippine Cup, we've had six losses and only three wins, tying us with Petron for eighth place in team standings. We're on the brink of elimination."



IN HUDDLE

Beth Goltz

Ironically, Baculi said the hotfoot had exerted vigorous efforts to beef up the team by adding young talents with fresh legs and reacquiring no less than the Chief Bagley Ball himself, Enrico Villanueva.

"Because of our preseason efforts, we were looking forward to an improved performance starting this conference, but unfortunately the opposite happened. We observed that Asaul's heart and mind were not on the game," Baculi disclosed.

And where were Asaul's heart and mind?

"We consider PBA team chat has been counting him to many over to their camp. Asaul told us about this courtship, this pursuit. We know that the only thing holding him back is his contract with us which he has to honor. There's still one year left in the contract."

"Ika, know he secretly met with an official of this team recently. He has completely lost interest in coaching our team, say had no choice but to let him go," Rudy said.

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At this point in Brian Vilosta's losing streak every night is a 'must win' fight.

Brian is scheduled for a title unification showdown with WBA flyweight champion Hernan 'Tapia' Marquez this weekend, Nov. 17, at the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Center in California.

He has set his sights only on this fight, according to the WBO flyweight champ, and is not looking further beyond this horizon. He told nothing intending the unification fight as one of the bids of fire in Mandalayang early this week that he has made no plans after his fight with the 26-year-old Mexican boxer, who is best known for his fearsome approach.

If he wins, that's when the Hinoblan Pesado would make plans.

"If I win, then I'll be nowhere else for me to go," he said.

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While Brian said that both he and Marquez have the capability to knock out each other, he assured the scribes that he has trained well and is more than ready to rumble.

"I'm ready to go now," he said. "Like what is coming out in my experience has spent and his power-packed punches to score another crushing victory the way he did over Omar 'Nino' Reynoso several months ago and whomever happens who may badly battered and had to be confined in a Pasig hospital for several days before he could be allowed to go home.

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Unlike Fil-Americans Eliseo Sinclair Arthur Mark Strugi, PBC flyweight champ Ale Gali is a homegrown Filipino—very native, very Pinoy.

Undoubtedly, he is also one of the most popular PBC fighters here in the Philippines, not only because he's good and tough, but also because he's a throwback to very entertaining and funny.

He dances around his opponent, makes faces, pats and hits a rapist and dishes out a variety of antics much to the delight of spectators.

Every time a PBC competition is scheduled here in Manila, the first question asked is, "Is Ale Gali in the lineup?"

To the disappointment of his fans, Gali was missing in action in the last PBC competition staged in the Fairest Crown.

Bad Mom of MTV and Gali was sidelined by an injury he sustained while training.

A former national boxer under the Abap, Gali lost his very first PBC bout. Once he got the hang of his new sport, however, nothing or no one is different.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, Gali battles fellow Pinoy Ronnie Tagle in an MBA (mostly bantamin, in the first of two main events, while Intergl clashes with veteran Harris Lumanog.

From Tropical Center, PBC 36 moves to Smart Araneta Coliseum to accommodate the ever-growing MBA audience.

AWARDEES The 6th Reggie Padua Memorial Cup golf tournament was held recently at the Philippine Navy Golf. The awardees are (from left) Vic Rosario, Col Diosdado, Gil Pamatmat (3rd place), Albert Pascual (2nd place), Homer Perez (Champion), Bobby Amores, Cesar Morado

Nat'l 'Bakbakan' hits Metro Manila today

AFTER having an eye-popping 4,700 entries in the provinces, the "NPGB National Bakbakan 11-Stag Derby" series hits Metro Manila today via a 5-ring elimination round (80 entries) at Smart Araneta Coliseum.

This will be the first of seven national eliminations which is open to all gamefowl breeders affiliated with the National Pigeon Game Breeders Federation.

The other schedules: Nov. 20 (Balagtas Sabgo Cockpit); Nov. 18, 22 and 25-1 Pinoy Square (Lucban) and Nov. 21 and 27 (Tuayan Quezon Arena).

"In behalf of the NPGB, I am extending my gratitude to all officers and members of breeders groups nationwide for their solid support," said NPGB president Elmer Palmares Jr.

The Pinoy Gamefowl Breeders Association (Pagbas), headed by Bel. nieves, contributed 420 entries to date, and will hold another ultra on Nov. 17 at Ilocos Coliseum. Actually, info is as Nov. 19 and 20.

In his seven participants called prelocations and dates: Abra, Isabela (3-Flying Wings), AG Group (Abalos and Lyn), Bad Manuel (Jar-El Angat), Vice Mayor Joie Calderon (Sapa 7 11), Angara Dan (NEC), Senator Sonny Dado Bacolod Negros Occidental (Dado Lucy).

For inquiries, call NPGB: 477-1851 or 0920-5823257 (Ruby).

Francisco goes for KO win in Viloria-Marquez undercard

By Dennis U. Erasi

FORMER Wba lanudra super flyweight titleholder Drian Francisco wants to make a strong impression in his debut in the United States by knocking out his Mexican opponent in the undercard of the Brian Viloria-Hernan "Tyson" Marquez title fight this Saturday (Sunday in Manila).

Now 30, Francisco of the based by De Bill Promotions said he is determined to put up a good show by Dousing Mexican Javier Avila (19-5-1, 10 knockouts) in their bout at 122 pounds.

"I'd love to go for a knockout," Francisco told Philboxing.com's Rory Ornedo.

Francisco has been training under Anthu Rodriguez in Los Angeles.

With a 23-1-1, 10 KO record, he created a stir in his last bout where he downed Mexican Jose Carlos Vargas thrice to the first round of their clash in Mexico.

In an earlier interview, Francisco's advisor Elmer Ancheta said his stand is ripe for a world championship fight.

Described by Ancheta as an awkward but tough and powerful fighter, Francisco comes close to a world title in 2010 when he beat Thai Daengpetch Kokietgym in title defenses. But his fight against Hugo Cazares for the world title didn't happen as he lost to another Thai, Tepparith Kokietgym, by unanimous decision in his initial defense of the interim crown last year in Thailand.

Ancheta said there is a possibility that Francisco will be able to fight the winner between Wba titlist and mandatory Oleydis champion Guillermo Rigondeaux (13-0, 8 knockouts) and Thai veteran Pornsawan Porpramkam (48-2, 35 knockouts) on Dec. 15 at the Toyota Center in Houston, Texas.

"We are doing everything to arrange a title fight for Drian. He is ripe for a world title," Ancheta told the Pba Pressroom Tuesday at Shakey's Malate.

Ancheta added that newly crowned Wbo bantamweight champion Pongsaklek Wonjongkam of Thailand is also being eyed as an opponent for Francisco.

FRANCISCO

PLDT-Abap Mindanao tilt begins in GenSan

A TOTAL of 410 boxers from 19 teams and clubs all over Mindanao swung into action starting yesterday in the PLDT-Abap Interclub Boxing Association of the Philippines Mindanao area tournament at the Lagao gym in General Santos City.

Host Mayor Darlene Antonino-Custodio and the city government had prepared a grand welcome and made available excellent facilities for the competitors of the tournament that will run up to Dec. 23.

Gordon, formerly known as Dadiangas City, prides itself in producing right-fisted world champion Manny Pacquiao and former world titlist Nonito Donaire. Another world champion Nonito Donaire Jr. spent his childhood in the city.

Abap president Rudy Vargas expressed his gratitude for the support given by the city government.

"We are happy and honored to hold the Mindanao tournament in Gensan. The local government has headed by Mayor Darlene has shown great enthusiasm and profferen organizational savvy that's sure to contribute to an exciting and productive tournament," Vargas said. "Everyone is aptreciative for the boxing tournament to be held here."

In the last three years, Mindanao has produced, among others, World Amateur champion Ronnie Magwili (Zamboanga), Olympian Mark Anthony Barriga (Davao del Norte) and current Super Fly gold medalist Mario Fernandez (Bukidnon). This month, Jade Bornea of Gensan will see action in the World Youth Championships in Yerevan, Armenia.

Among the tournament are Abap executive director Ed Picson, Davao de Oro's national referee Dante de Castro, and International technical officials Jones San Buenaventura Picson.

MARQUEZ

Azkals test worth versus Singapore Lions tonight

PHIL Younghusband (right) is back to boost the Azkals attack against the Singaporeans. MIKE ESPINOSA

By Cedell P. Tapas

THE PHILIPPINES gauges its readiness for the AFF Suzuki Cup today when it clashes with Singapore in the first international friendly to be played at the sprawling 40,000-seat Cebu City Sports Center.

The red cards dated at 7 p.m. against Singapore Sembawar Lions comes just nine days before the Azkals open their campaign in the Suzuki Cup in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Singaporeans are also in the final phase of their preparations for the biennial tournament, although they will be playing in Group B against host Malaysia, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Aside from sharpening their edge in preparation for matches against Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar in Bangkok late this month, the Azkals are also aiming to prove that their months-long 3-0 away victory over the Lions two months ago was no fluke. It was the first victory by the Philippines against Singapore in 10 matches.

Singapore, however, will come in with a more formidable side than the one that played at the Aurora Weir Stadium last June with 42-year-old defenseman Irwin swearing to lead the line.

The Serbia-born naturalized player, who scored the previous meeting with the Philippines due to injury has been a scourge for the Azkals, scoring twice in two meetings with the Filipinos.

Azkals coach Michael Weiss remains confident that his players can get the job done, despite the absence of several Europe-based standouts, including Stephan Schrock who was the Most of the Match in the upset of the Lions last September.

"Singapore will be coming in with a full squad, but we are taking note and we see us in a position not to look at the top players of the opponent but rather look at our own strengths and go for the occasion," said Weiss, who will also use the match as determining for 23-man lineup for the Suzuki Cup.

Among the Europe-based players, Gotham Day Azerson and Rob Gier are the only players available for selection with Ed Sacapano also standing in line of Neil Etheridge and Roland Muller, who have club commitments.

The Azkals go into the game on the back of a 1-2 loss to Brunei, due to an overwhelming performance that some after they held powerhouse Bahrain to a scoreless draw last month.

Whatever the outcome, Weiss said the Azkals truly prepared and like the Suzuki Cup.

"The preparations have been fantastic. I couldn't have been more satisfied," he said.

Stallion barges into UFL Cup finals vs Global

By Cedell P. Tapas

BACOLOD on to third play, Stallion came from behind to subdue a gritty Green Archers United side, 3-1, in extra time Tuesday night to forge a finals duel with Global in the United Football League Cup at Rizal Memorial Stadium.

Skipper Ruben Doctora struck twice, including a 119th-minute effort that capped a superb display for Stallion which ousted the UFL Cup final for the first time since joining the league two years ago.

Korean midfielder Lee Won-kyung was at the right place at the right time, firing from six yards to put Stallion in front, 2-1, in the 117th minute.

Lee's goal was the product of the superb work put in on the right flank by substitute Eli Clarino, who beat three defenders before setting up the Korean.

Undermanned Global stunned Jessie Mendez, 2-1, strikes to clinch the first finals berth.

Cameroonian striker Alex Ebong and Indonesian forward Ilpo Pi-Sabtiah were no target for Global, which missed nine key players due to national team commitments. Among those absent were regular starters Mengh Bahadur, Jeff Christensen and Dennis Neil.

The championship match is set on Monday, 7 p.m. at the same Rizal football field after the third place game between Loyola Meralco and Green Archers United at 4.

After a scoreless first half where both teams dangled chances of chances, Green Archers took the initiative with Taling Fardan scoring 10 minutes into the second half when his low slipped past the hands of Global keeper Wilson Muscat.

But Stallion recovered the edge and threw more power and started dominating possession for long periods.

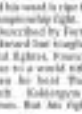
The pressure finally paid off with Doctora grabbing the equalizer in the 70th minute after latching onto a rocket shot from Spanish striker pairmo Ruiz Sanchez.

Both teams finished with 10 men to their lineup with Archers defender Lawrence Hagbenedict sent off in the 65th minute after picking up his second yellow card for violent conduct. Miss Nam-ood was also dismissed just before regulation ended for a second yellow.

Mendoza, Tanpoco head Phinma jr netfest roster

CHAMP Carlyn Rivo-Guarde, 11, (center), from Isulan, Sultan Kudarat, and a member of Sultan Sa Pagpabalaka's junior tennis program, leans her trophy after topping the 12-and-under division. Standing at the Philippine Provincial Regional Age-Group Tennis Championships presented by Babies recently. With her are SSC Tennis Club president Dominador Lagare Jr. and Aurora Samal.

Remembering Dodjie Laurel



CLEAN LIVING

Reynaldo B. Dizon

Entry for the event.

Dodjie invited me and my longtime friend and Lumpinee fan Villanueva to witness the staging of the Inaugural Manila Grand Prix. With us on that historic trip to Macau were some of newspaper's luminaries in that time, including Peter Navarro, Ruby Lores, Joe Cuebo, Eddie Gomez, father of movie idol Richard Gomez Rodriguez, Bobby Ocampo and Willy Martinez.

Former Philippine Motoring Association executive director Johnny Angeles provided added support by giving us valuable materials needed in our coverage.

A short but effective election worker, Dodjie had just finished campaigning for brother Boy at the time of his death.

A post letter of the Manila Government Tourist Office's Immortality, executive Jose Antonio Goitia, Jr. and Chief Executive Officer Stanley Ho, which was opened in Montevideo 1993 and hosted in the Tourist Activities Center in the Outer Harbour area of the city.

Another article was on Teddy Yip, a longtime friend of Dodjie and many of his Ignine buddies.

"Yip is an entrepreneur who did a tremendous amount to promote motor racing and helped the sport of Macau for the said with with his "Theodore Racing" team which counted with drivers such as Alex Asseo and Ayrton Senna among its members. Teddy Yip was also one of the people responsible for introducing Formula 3 races to the Guia Circuit in 1983," according to the article.

Among the photographs on display at the Museum are the life-sized photos of Dodjie Laurel and his Lotus car and Teddy Yip who first drove in 1956 on the Guia Circuit on the wheel of a Jaguar XK 120.

Eduardo Cutcutio, driving a Triumph TR2, was the first Filipino to win in 1954 while a Lotus 23, which was owned by Yip and driven by Macanese R. S. Sonio emerged winner in 1967, 1968 and 1971. Sonio withdrew halfway through the race in 1967 as a sign of respect for Dodjie following his death.

This year's Macau Grand Prix is set Nov. 13-18 also at the Guia Circuit.

Dodjie, who was also a member of the Manila Overseas Press Club, was also a member of the Manila Overseas Press Club, was also a member of the Manila Overseas Press Club,

SPORTS

Knicks keep slate clean

Green helps Spurs trip Lakers

ORLANDO, Florida—Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points while JR Smith and Raymond Felton added 21 each as the New York Knicks held off the Orlando Magic, 99-89, Tuesday night to remain the NBA's only unbeaten team.

JJ Redick led Orlando with 18 points, with Arron Afflalo scoring 11 for a Magic team that was stunned by 20 turnovers that led to 24 New York points.

The Magic dropped their fifth consecutive game and continue to struggle without starters Jameer Nelson and Hedo Turkoglu.

New York has won its first five matches for the first time since opening the 1993-94 season with seven victories.

Elsewhere Tuesday, the Bobcats had a 92-76 win over the Wizards; the Raptors edged the Pacers 74-73; and the Nets beat the Celtics 114-101. In the late games, The Spurs edges the Lakers 84-82; and the Trail Blazers had a 113-88 win over the Kings.

Danny Green drained a three-pointer with nine seconds remaining and the Spurs' defense then denied Kobe Bryant the ball for the victory.

Bryant, who was above a defense-dominated contest with 20 points and eight assists, was shadowed by San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard and unable to get his hands on the ball after Green's clutch shot, leaving Pau Gasol no attempt a long three-pointer that ended their chances.

"I tried to keep the ball out of his hands because usually he hits the game-winning shot," Leonard told reporters. "I wanted to let one of the other players shoot it."

The win was the third in a row for the Spurs (7-1), who got 19 points and seven assists from Tony Parker, as well as 18 points and nine rebounds from Tim Duncan.

The Lakers (3-5) had won their two previous games since coach Mike Brown was fired but are still waiting for his successor Mike D'Antoni to take over.

Despite shooting just 38 percent from the field, San Antonio forced 17 turnovers from the Lakers and made it a test of attrition.

"We have been concentrating on our defense this year. We did a pretty good job of it," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

"We're thrilled with the win."

At Charlotte, Ramon Sessions scored 21 points as the Bobcats beat winless Washington to get back on track eyeing their first .500 mark since last December.

Reside Michael Kidd-Gilchrist chipped in with 15 points and eight rebounds before hitting in the fourth quarter with a sore knee.

Tyrus Adoa scored 19 points for the Wizards, who fell to 0-6.

At Indianapolis, DeMar DeRozan scored 31 points and Jose Calderon had 13 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for Toronto.

Toronto led 69-58 heading into the fourth and let only one field goal the rest of the way, a driving

LOS ANGELES Lakers center Dwight Howard (right) drives past San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan. AFP

Stern sees record $5-B NBA profit this season

NEW YORK—NBA Commissioner David Stern estimates revenue will be a record $5 billion in the current season, an increase of about 20 percent from the league's last full season in 2010-11.

Stern spoke Tuesday at Beyond Sport United, a gathering of global sport, league and industry executives at Hudson Yards. Stern said NBA expansion to Europe is probable at least a decade away and that it likely would make sense to add several clubs there to once.

"I think for us the thing that would make the most sense would be a divisional format at the time that it comes," he said. "I don't see that for another decade at least. Not on my watch."

Stern announced last month that he will retire on Feb. 1, 2014, 30 years after he took over from Larry O'Brien, as international expansion will be passed on to Adam Silver, who has been deputy commissioner since 2006.

"It's not something we've done a lot of looking at, but it's something that we've had people approach us with," Stern said. "We obviously keep pretty close tabs on how our attendance is in our overseas games, what the pricing structure is, what the fan affinity is, what the television misimpressions are, what the ratings are, all of the technical the business in a place or places. It's a pretty sophisticated conception."

The league's revenue estimate is for the year ending next Sept. 30. That puts the NBA third among the major North American leagues, trailing the NFL ($9 billion) and Major League Baseball ($7.5 billion), but ahead of the NHL ($3.3 billion).

"I would say that China, which is the largest segment outside the U.S., is doing very well. I would say we'll see that to some degree as well in Turkey, in Africa, in Brazil," Stern said. "The components are broadcast, digital, merchandise, marketing joint ventures and events, which can be games and the 3-on-3 tournaments and clinics, any variety of events that draw people."

Stern said the NBA is broadcast in 46 languages to 215 nations or territories.

If you offer a lockout that delayed the start of the season to Dec. 25, Stern says one critical of hockey union head Donald Fehr for his side's negotiating stance in the current NHL lockout. Fehr said that sports's mid-salary caps are more prone to lockouts because of their labor structure.

Stern disagreed and said the 50-50 sharing arrangement agreed to in the NFL and NBA, and proposed by NHL owners, was fair. AP

New coach leaves Kobe stunned, excited

STUNNED though he was that Phil Jackson has not returned as Los Angeles Lakers head coach, all-time guard Kobe Bryant said on Tuesday he was excited about the prospect of playing under new appointee Mike D'Antoni.

The Lakers shocked the basketball world on Monday when they named former Phoenix Suns and New York Knicks coach D'Antoni to replace the fired Mike Brown, while announcing the lavishly decorated Jackson, an 11-time NBA championship winner.

"He sure all think... ing it was gonna be Phil," Bryant told reporters after taking part in a Lakers shoot-around. "It probably caught Mike a little bit off guard, too.

BRYANT

"But I'm excited. I spoke to Mike this morning. It was great. It was really short, just 'hello.'"

While Bryant has deep affection for the low-keyed "Zen Master" Jackson after winning five NBA titles in the Lakers colors with the veteran coach, he also holds D'Antoni in high esteem.

A 14-time All-Star, Bryant was a huge fan as a child of D'Antoni's basketball play in Italy, where he grew up, and later got to know him well when D'Antoni was an assistant coach on the US national team.

"We have a great relationship," said Bryant. "The offense that he installed for our Olympic team was the offense that we ran to the tune of two (US$gold) gold medals.

"We all know the type of talent that we had on that team, so it was important for us to have an offense that was flexible, that was up-tempo and that kept everybody involved. It worked pretty well for us."

D'Antoni will take charge of a Lakers team that made a dismal 1-4 start to this season before winning their next two games after Bryant was abruptly fired on match on Friday.

He is known for his fast-paced offense-oriented system and Bryant believes the new coach will adapt quickly in Los Angeles, despite inheriting an aging team led by a quintet of 30-somethings.

"It's gonna be fine," said Bryant. "It's not like he takes the same thing that he did in Phoenix and incorporates that here. He has different personnel." AP

PH Punishers hold down Saipan Sharks

By Cedelf P. Tupaz

THE PHILIPPINE Punishers, drawing strength from their tenacious defense, dumped the Saipan Sharks, 13-6, in the inaugural American Football match held on a sizeable crowd at Philsports field in Pasig yesterday.

Punisher quarterback Mike Haas threw a touchdown pass to QB by in the first half, before Jai Mordhani intercepted and ran 35 yards for a touchdown in the second half for the winning point.

"These guys came to play [ball] and they gave us one hell of a game," said Punishers coach Tim Stanley who also praised his team for rising to the challenge.

Hoping to give the sport a push in popularity in the country, the Punishers actually went into two of their five matches of their exhibition series, which saw them play in Beijing and Hong Kong.

Haas found his dome the sideline for a 20-yard touchdown, but the Punishers couldn't

The Sharks tied the game in the second half when running back Jeff Reyes rushed in the endzone following terrific work from Josh Lowell, who completed five of six passes in a 70-yard drive.

But Lowell rushed out to be the culprit in the second half when Mordhani, who was later named Most Valuable Player of the match, picked up his pass and returned it for a touchdown.

MILO MARATHON

Nerza tops Davao leg

ANTHONY Rosas stopped Hanz Lapis's back-to-back hat, topping the Milo Marathon 21K qualifying leg in Davao City on Sunday and towing 19 others to the national finals.

The 22-year-old Surza, runner up to Lapis last year, clocked a personal best one hour, 12 minutes and 30 seconds. He said he looks forward to answering his dominance in the 42K finals set this 9 at Bilibid in Bulacan.

Lapis placed second in 1:13:39 while third placer Jonas Castillo of University of Mindanao submitted 1:14:21. Both division qualified to the finals, which will award P300,000 to the winner.

Regain-Amied Mendoza Siobra, the 2010 Milo Marathon champion, aided the distaff side in 1:26:02. Runners-up Collet Rose Jaro (1:33:28) and Randy Ann Quinones (1:37:32) will join her in the finals.

"The race allowed me to assess my limits," said Siobra. "I am expecting a more challenging race in December."

On the other hand, Dolan established his role in preseverance, winning the race despite a leg injury.

"What matters most is one's will to reach the finish line," said Dolan. "I may not in my best shape now, but I will enter the finals with more determination."

About 14,000 runners joined the Davao leg, making it the biggest first race ever to take place in Mindanao.

To his new 500 runners have qualified for the finals, including three-time champion Eduardo Buenavista and double winner Jun-Jun Barayang.

In the school category, Davao City National High School fielded 1,000 student runners to claim the biggest school delegation award. University of Mindanao brought home the Parent School Delegation award with an aggregate time of 10:18.22.

The last two qualifying races will be held in Batuan City on Nov. 18 and Cagayan de Oro City on Nov. 25. Arsenio S. Acerbo

Foreign wakeboarders ready to rock Nuvali

THE world's finest wakeboard competitors will vie for top honors in the King of Wake Republic (R1), Asia's newest wakeboarding, which will be held at Republic Wake Park at Nuvali, Calamba, Laguna, this weekend.

Among the top international riders expected to rock this event are Thailand-based British national Daniel Grose, who made waves in his career as the youngest rider to win the World Wakepark Championship when he was just twelve years old; American Jeff Mobley, one of 10 riders to set a Guinness World Record for riding non-stop for 24 hours; and Australian James Windsor, winner of the 2012 Moomba Crazy WWA Wake Park Triple Crown.

Windsor is also the winner in the Junior men's division of the WWA Wake World Series and currently ranked third in the Wake Park World Series. Other seasoned international and local riders will also see action starting today, which will be held at Republic Wake Park at Nuvali, Calamba, Laguna, this weekend.

The King of Wake 2012 at Republic Wake Park is the third stop of the Asian Wake Park Tour organized by the World Wake Association (WWA). The legs of the tour is bound to create a big splash with great talents from the different continents.

American Jeff Mobley will be joined by Team and Steelcoverts pro riders Chris Abadilla and Andrew Adams, Canadian Wake Lab rider Jordan Ollie Clemens, and Mario Rojas from Germany.

Iranian riders from Australia are also expected to make a strong showing, including Mary Shafer and the winners of the Best Female Cable Wakeboarder of the Year Dawn Linley, Angelika Schriber, who will battle for honors as well.

AUSTRALIAN James Windsor practices at Republic Wake Park. Windsor is currently ranked third in the Wake Park World Series and is among the favorites of the tournament.

Organizers of this WWA-sanctioned international event are the same ones who brought to the Philippines the 2008 and 2009 World Tabletop and Championships and the Ultimate Wake Championship, which is the last leg of the WWA Wake Park World Series.

The competition is expected to be intense as young pro riders such as 14-year-old Daniel Grose and the 17-year-old Windsor will go all out against their more seasoned counterparts.

Up for grabs at the King of Wake 2012 are four major cable divisions: Pro Men, Pro Women, Pro Wakeskate, and Obstacles Only, with more than $20,000 worth of prize money is at stake.

Pakitang Gilas notches two hoop wins

GHOST HARRIO Pakitang Gilas notched impressive victories in the Celebrity and Corporate Cup (CCC) and National Press Club basketball tournaments over the weekend.

The Frontliners-based basketballers split their two assignments in two days to maintain their record to 6-1 in CCC play after a 76-68 trouncing of Basketball TV.

In the National Press Club Basketball Tournament, Pakitang Gilas maintained their unbeaten run in their quarterfinal following their win via default against Philippine National Police Responders.

Elias Tiu and Jeanette's Coffee Shop had 19 and 18 points, respectively, as CCC ace-while Philstar.com's Aldo Almonte chipped in 15 points for the Titan and Gatorade-backed squad.

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Stop illegal remittance agents, BSP urged

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Stocks continue to decline

20 MAP3 prices slipped for the second straight day yesterday as bargain hunting helped offset the effects of a bigger correction and lingering concerns over the Eurozone and Greek economies.

The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) lost 4.30 points or 0.09 percent to close at 5,451.09 even as the all-shares index gained 2.27 percent or 9.06 percent.

Online brokerage firm 17Traders.com said investors continued to be selective "amid gyrations in overseas markets."

The firm added that reported boning by investors for 2012 bids helped lend support to the main index. Attempts to test fresh intraday highs are expected again this week.

Tycoon Henry Sy's SM Investments Corp. was the day's most active stock, losing 4 points or 0.46 percent. Alliance Global Group Inc. gained 0.80 percent and was the day's second most-active after announcing record quarterly profit on Tuesday.

Trading volume was heavy with 6.1 billion shares changing hands for P6.2 billion. Advancers, at 81, outnumbered the day's 67 decliners while 24 issues were unchanged.

Subsectoral indexes mixed, with industrial (Imes gaining 0.49 percent. The holding firms and mining/oil counters were also in the green. Meanwhile, the service sector lost 0.71 percent as market heavyweight Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. continued its losing streak, shedding 1.54 percent. **Paolo G. Montecillo**

Informal forex channels a problem in the region

By Michelle V. Base

A COALITION of bankers in Asia has called on central banks in the region to slap tougher penalties on illegal remittance agents, citing the consumer risks associated with an expanding black market for money transfers.

The Asian Bankers Association (ABA), which concluded on Tuesday a two-day membership meeting in Manila, said remittances moving through informal channels were 50 to 60 percent more than those facilitated by banks and other legitimate remittance centers.

In the case of the Philippines, about $20 billion in remittances were facilitated by banks and duly registered remittance centers but non-bank industry players, however, suspected that a lot of foreign exchange were sent to the Philippines...the fourth biggest recipient of remittances in the world with more than 10 million Filipinos working overseas—through unregistered remittance agents.

At the moment, the illegal channels are much bigger than the legal channels for money transmission. Regulators are called to strengthen mechanisms [illegible] channels [illegible] and make it difficult for illegal money transfers to take place," Dilshan Rodrigo, chair of the advocacy committee of ABA, said in a briefing last Tuesday.

According to the ABA, the problem with informal remittance channels was the risk they pose to customers. Because they are not registered, their operations escape the eye of regulators.

Rodrigo said the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and its counterparts in other Asian countries should come up with policies imposing strict penalties against unregistered remittance agents and providing incentives to legitimate remittance channels.

He said consumers would significantly benefit from an improved regulatory environment.

For one, he said beneficiaries of remittances would be less exposed to the risk of fraud. Rodrigo added that most remittance beneficiaries would be encouraged to invest in financial products offered by the banks if they were getting their money through these financial institutions.

"If funds come through banks, that presents more opportunity

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Ayala to issue ₱10B worth of 7-year bonds

By Paolo G. Montecillo

AYALA Corp. has issued P10 billion worth of medium-term corporate bonds to bankroll the conglomerate's continued expansion nationwide.

The 7-year notes were priced at 5.85 percent a year, 90 basis points above the three-day average 7-year PDST benchmark. The company said its book-building process indicated a strong demand for the bond with orders accounting for almost 17X percent of the issue size.

"Ayala is raising funds for its capital requirements to enable the company to realize opportunities for expansion both through organic growth of its existing business lines as well as value-accretive acquisitions," the company said in a disclosure.

Just recently, the company entered into an agreement with DBS Bank Ltd. to acquire part of the common shares held by SSS in Ayala subsidiary Bank of the Philippine Islands for P23.6 billion.

"It is also pursuing a robust pipeline of projects in the power and transport infrastructure sectors as it looks to build a platform for long-term growth," the firm said.

Ayala said it had always been a consistent and innovative issuer in the domestic capital market over the past few years, raising more than P75 billion from the capital market since 2004.

Last May the company issued a P10-billion, 12-year bond in the market, which was the longest-lived bond placed by any Philippine corporation. Ayala said it has pioneered investment products in the local market that provided the broader investing public, particularly retail investors, with alternative investments.

Appointed as underwriters to sell the bonds to the public were BPI Capital, BDO Capital and

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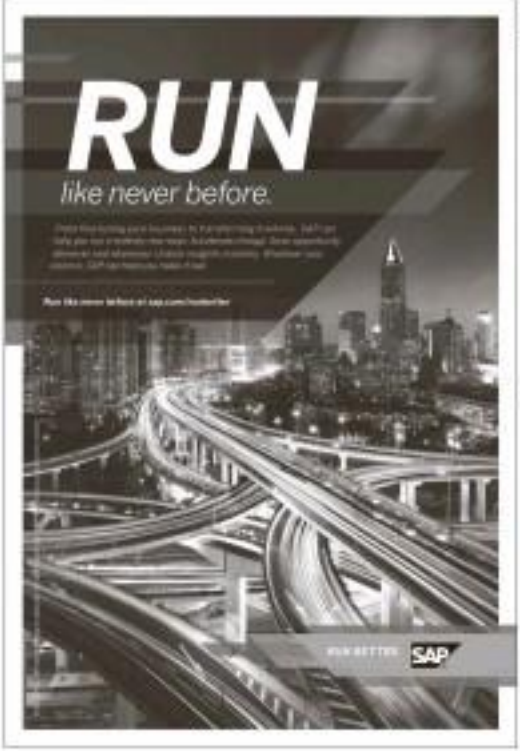

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Outsourcing non core processes becoming popular

The non-voice business process outsourcing industry is already gaining a foothold in the domestic corporate scene as more companies are now resorting to outsourcing some of their back end processes such as accounting and human resource functions.

Outsourcing non-core functions doesn't only make operations cost competitive but also allows a company to reap the benefits from the establishment of systems that ensure efficiency and accuracy in day-to-day operations, enabling the company to focus its resources on its core businesses, according to Kenneth Uy, President of BPO International Inc.

Business Process Outsourcing International is the largest Filipino-owned finance and accounting and human resource outsourcing company in the Philippines.

Established 15 years ago, it currently does finance and accounting services for some of the top multinational and domestic corporations in the country across various industries: real estate, financial services, distribution, pharmaceuticals and IT.

BPO International Inc.'s clients include one of the biggest property companies in the country whose is employed about 100 people. "We handle everything from collecting on mall leases to paying their contractors."

A number of multinational pharmaceutical companies with operations here in the Philippines have also entrusted to BPO International Inc. for their payroll and accounting solutions.

Uy said it has been a growing trend for big drug companies in recent to outsource to have cost effective operations in the country to better compete with the growing generic drug industry.

BPO International Inc. also renders finance and accounting and payroll services for Del Monte, one of the biggest food companies in the country, which has plantation operations in Mindanao as well as offices in Metro Manila.

Uy said many companies now already acknowledge the advantages of outsourcing non-core functions, which could reach to up to 50 percent savings in addition to deployment of efficient systems. For example, the integrated payroll solution offered by BPO International Inc. does everything from time management, leave monitoring, overtime management, time and attendance reports, and online reports. It can even provide electronic payslips to employees which are accessible via the web, thus eliminating paper payslips—a more environmentally friendly approach to payroll processing. BPO International also offers an online leaves management system, which is helpful for companies with employees who are in the field.

"Our system can do payroll and timekeeping for more complicated outfits such as manufacturing companies with multiple shifts or different union policies for its employees. We also serve quite a number of shared services outfits and call centers."

In addition, BPO International Inc. is the only local partner of SAP for its payroll solution, enabling the company to handle smoothly and securely the payroll processes of its large (over 1,000 employees) multinational clients.

As of June this year, the company processes over 80,000 payroll heads in total for its clients.

Apart from human resources services, the company's key strength is its finance and accounting services, which harkens back to the days when it was still a division under SGV & Co., a known audit and accounting firm.

In 2002, BPO International Inc. became a separate company from SGV and was even only bought in 2006 by Project Quest Group, P&J Prime Holdings, and Sumaroo Realty.

BPO International's finance and accounting solution can handle a wide range of work typically done by the entire accounting department of a client—from payables, receivables and employee reimbursements processing, to general ledger accounting and tax preparations, etc.

The company also provides talent outsourcing or deployment of its highly trained people to companies to do specific tasks for a period of time.

"The talent outsourcing service provides companies with finance and accounting professionals at the rank and file level, but we can also provide high-level personnel for key functions. For one multinational client of ours, we serve the ones who placed them competitive."

Uy said the company also provides performance measurement processes and metrics and value-added services such as installing electronic working systems and helpdesk ticketing systems. These solutions help companies gauge performance and efficiency of functions as well as monitor and audit paper transactions both internally and externally.

BPO International Inc. currently has close to 600employees serving more than 200 clients. Its offices are located in SGV II Building and Citibank Tower in Makati, Rufino Corporate Center in Ortigas, and on Gen. A. Luna Street in Cagayan de Oro City.

Uy said the company is also preparing itself for expansion overseas as it has partnered with companies in Hong Kong and Singapore. He said the challenge for BPO International Inc. is to target mid-sized companies in the region who are looking to streamline their operations; companies who either do not wish to expand their employee headcount or are unable to find the right skills at the right price in their home countries.

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8-SHAPED BUILDING SEEN TO ADD TO THE STUNNING LANDSCAPE OF METROPOLITAN PARK

The best urban experiences leave lasting impressions by creating a particular time and feel of environment. From a town of cultural attractions like Vigan, one's imagination is the sheer number of unique offerings that seeks everyone's taste; the Bay Area is set to unfold like a dramatic art work brimming with character, enthusiasm and passion.

One particular development in the Bay Area that promises to do just that by taking urban resort lifestyle to a whole new level is SixSenses Resort. Set against the most spectacular view of the Manila Bay, the SixSenses Resort commands an uninterrupted view of the water, the natural landscape and the azure sky. Every day reveals a different image of life's simple wonders – the sun's rays, the splash of colors in the sky and the unparalleled tranquility brought in by the gust of air.

At the helm of this landscape palette is Federal Land Inc., one of the country's top developers. Backed by 40 years of experience, Federal Land has been creating quality homes that do not only exude panache but also a kind for the senses. Turning them to rendering this masterpiece are some of the world's enclaves in the field of architecture – Arquitectonica, Gruhya, HL, ARUP, HOK and EGLA.

Credited to look like the infinity symbol (number 8), the towers of SixSenses Resort stimulate the senses in a multitude of ways. It is an open where art and function meet. Entering the main lobby at SixSenses is anticipating a touch of theater as drama unfolds in the flow of spaces, the mix of the distinctive design and the judicious use of details. The lobby alone is a cohesive blend of structures, shapes, and colors.

The artistic grandness carries on inside its units. High quality units come in 2 bedroom, 2+ bedroom suite, and 3 bedroom suites. The labs does a extra bring a new level of lifestyle opulence with its specially designed styles and features.

Perched in the heart of the country's top artistic and architectural scene – the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) and Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) – everything is also easily within reach at SixSenses Resort, making it the ultimate in accessibility. Sports enthusiasts can rule the game in the table tennis, billiards and dart room, badminton court, squash court, basketball court, and tennis court. A beach volleyball court, filled with sand, helps recreate summer escapades without leaving the city. After a tiring day in the office, you can also relax and release the stress of the day with a wide selection of activities – jogging path, massage huts, gym, aerobics studio, fitness station, Jacuzzi, adult and kids pool.

Those in leisure pursuit may opt to proceed to the dance studio, culinary station, and taekwondo studio. A day care center, kids outdoor play area and tots room fulfill endless hours of fun for the little ones. Word lovers will truly enjoy the reading room. Whatever the occasion, residents can choose between the indoor or outdoor party area.

Set near the magnificent view of Manila Bay, a 40 hectare masterplanned community in Bay Area CBD, called Metropolitan Park, sits at the crossroads of the city's great and dynamic metropolis. Strolling through the community offers a fascinating glimpse at Manila's diverse culture, where the country's top artists and culture savvy as well as an array of museums, embassies, government agencies and business center, are located. The past is alive and well here but at the same time, the Bay Area is bursting with energy and vitality. Thanks to entertainment sites such as PAGCOR City Heritage Hotel and Casino, Hyatt Manila and Casino, Midas Hotel and the upcoming Radisson Blue Hotel. The Mall of Asia, SM's and IMAX are within reach, too. NAIA is a mere 10-minute drive.

Fairmont Hotel at the Mall of Asia

Artist's perspective of the swimming pool

The Mall of Asia Grand Wheel

It is pure bliss to enjoy the sensual experience of Metropolitan park – from its myriad sights of interiors, rooms, and lightning to dazzling visuals meant to surprise the senses. Heightening up the experience is Blue Bay Walk, a main street filled with modern luxury, conveniences and outstanding shopping opportunities. From fashion, food, health, and beauty to home, sports and special interest, Blue Bay Walk is a shopping and dining wonderland.

A sprawling art collection awaits visitors at the GT Museum, destined to be the top gathering place for artists. A landscape painter that celebrates the splendor or irrepressible artistry, Metropolitan Park is an exhilarating metropolis that provides a balanced dose of visual, tactile and olfactory pleasures.

Whether one wanders the common strange sun slowly disappear over the azure skies or be engrossed in the trendy new shops and boutiques that dot the landscape, the SixSenses Resort in Metropolitan Park will soon be the newest hub to explore, dream, dine and discover.

For more information about SixSenses Resort, please visit its showroom located along Park MEDIO, Metropolitan Park, Bay Area CBD, Travel City of Pasay, call 551-8888, or visit www.sixsensesresort.com.ph.

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San Miguel net profit rose 61%

By Daniel L. Lucas

ASK Miguel Corp. yesterday reported a sharp increase in its nine-month earnings due mainly to the contribution from its new business units as well as gains from a favorable foreign exchange environment.

The conglomerate's biggest conglomerate in terms of market capitalization said its net income for the January-to-September 2012 period rose to P19.2 billion from P11.9 billion in the same period last year—a jump of 61 percent.

"Operating income totaled P57.9 billion, 9 percent lower than 2011, but still a notable improvement over first semester figures with Petron posting improvement starting August, and the food group sustaining improved profitability during the third quarter," it said.

Group benefiting from diversification

Consolidated recurring earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (Ebitda) stood at P57 billion during the period.

In recent years, San Miguel has diversified aggressively into businesses far from its traditional food and beverage concerns. Its new areas of growth included petroleum, power, infrastructure and, recently, the airline business after it acquired a 49-percent stake in flag carrier Philippine Airlines.

The company said that revenues for the first nine months reached P646.2 billion, a 39-percent increase over gross sales reported in the first nine months of 2011.

In the energy sphere, SMC Global Power reported a 7-percent growth in consolidated revenue to P57.4 billion. Operating income was placed at P13.9 billion, up 28 percent from last year due to a combination of higher revenue and a decline in operating expenses.

Petron sold 53.2 million barrels in the first nine months of 2012, or 55 percent more than in the same period last year. Strong domestic demand resulted in a 4-percent increase in volume at 30.6 million barrels. Ginebra San Miguel posted a significant contribution with 17.6 million bottles sold.

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Gov't to review Malampaya oil plan

By Amy R. Roces

THE DEPARTMENT of Energy plans to conduct a study that will look into the viability of developing the Camago-Malampaya Oil Leg (CMOL) off Palawan before it can bid out the exploration and development of the project in prospective investors.

The development of the CMOL could yield 40 million barrels of recoverable oil, while oil-in-place (oil under stored at about 150 million barrels, according to Energy Undersecretary Ramon Allan Vilo.

On the sidelines of the Upstream Energy 2012 conference yesterday, Vilo clarified that the proposed bidding was not "necessary on hold" nor was it abandoned as there was a need to first ensure that the development of the Camago-Malampaya oil leg would not hamper the operations of the Malampaya field.

Malampaya supplies natural gas to three Batangas-based power plants that generate 2,700 megawatts for the Luzon grid, or 40 percent of the electricity requirements on the island.

"We are always trying to take a look at how we can develop that [area], but we have to ensure the safety of the Malampaya gas operations because [the CMOL project] stands in the middle of the gas operations. Safety considerations for the gas operations are of utmost importance," Vilo stressed.

However, he added that actions that would be undertaken under CMOL would have to be crunched first with Energy Secretary Carlos Jericho L. Petilla, who only assumed office late last month. The project, along with the other programs of the energy department, will have to be reviewed by the new energy chief.

It was reported earlier this year that the Department of Energy wanted to regulate consultants operating the Malampaya gas field, but

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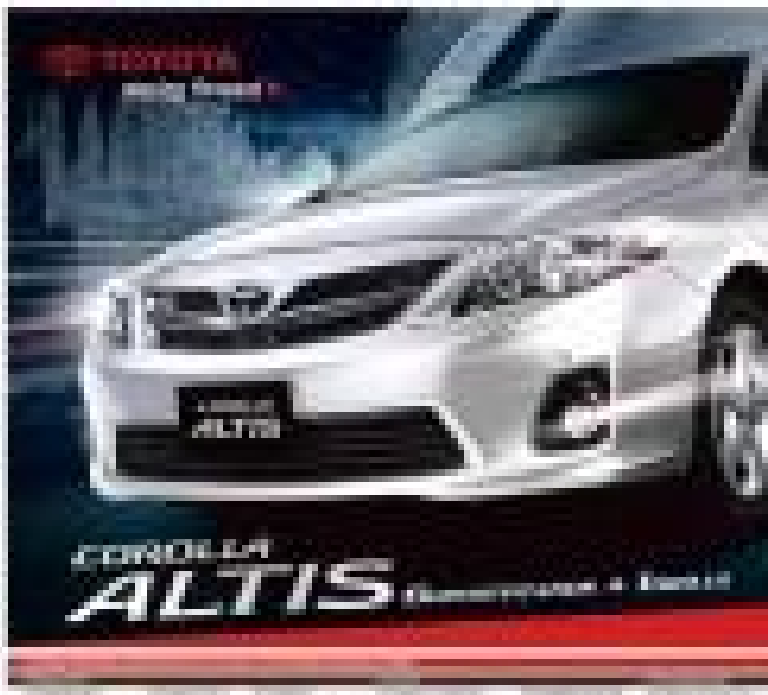

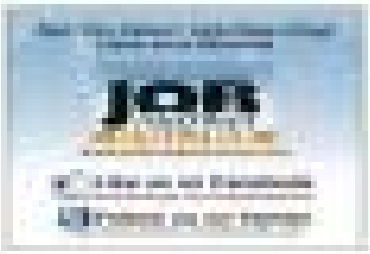

Tourism group targets more than 10M visitors

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Jollibee reports 19% growth in Q3 bottom line

Strong performance of PH, overseas operations

By Paolo G. Montecillo

JOLLIBEE Foods Corp., the country's largest food service company, posted a net income attributable to equity holders of P811.7 million in the third quarter, up by 19 percent year-on-year.

This came on the back of strong system-wide sales, which grew by 12.1 percent from the level in the same period last year.

"Sales growth was broad-based and volume-driven, resulting from better value-for-money recognition by customers on its products and services," Jollibee said in a statement.

Sales of Philippine brands rose by 8.6 percent while brands overseas grew by 20.8 percent.

Operations grew by 26.3 percent in China, 12.6 percent in the United States and 24.7 percent in Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

Store network worldwide expanded organically by 5.5 percent from a year ago.

In the first nine months of the year, Jollibee Foods' system wide sales rose by 13 percent, while revenue, which pertains to store from company-owned stores and commissaries and royalty income from franchised stores, increased by 15 percent.

Jollibee Foods' third quarter operating income grew by 40.1 percent versus a year ago.

"These resulted from a slight decrease in the prices of raw materials, cost improvement projects at its commissaries in the Philippines and greater cost efficiency in restaurants in the Philippines where sales per store grew faster than expenses," the company said.

Revenue likewise grew faster than the increase in general and administrative expenses incurred in connection with the cost improvement programs at Jollibee's head offices in the Philippines and China.

Advertising and promotions expenses in the third quarter this year were also lower as a percentage of revenue. This was brought about by its more cost efficient marketing expenditure system.

The company opened 169 new stores worldwide in the first nine months of the year, broken down as follows: 88 new stores in the Philippines composed of 24 Jollibee branches, 11 Chowking, four Greenwich, six Red Ribbon, 40 Mang Inasal and three Burger King outlets.

In its foreign operations, Jollibee Foods opened 60 new restaurants: Yonghe King, 42; Hong Zhuang Yuan, two; Tan Pin Ying, four; Jollibee, 10 and Chowking, three.

PetroEnergy posts 6.4% rise in income

By Amy R. Remo

PETROLEUM limited PetroEnergy Resources Corp. posted a 6.4-percent increase in its net income attributable to parent to $2.27 million in the first nine months of the year, despite posting a decline in revenue.

In a filing with the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, PetroEnergy reported that oil revenue fell by 6.32 percent to $9.3 million in the first three quarters from $9.9 million a year ago.

The company said the revenue decline was due to lower production of oil to 9,497 million barrels during the period versus 9,981 million barrels in the same period last year.

The company's other income surged by 90 percent to $670,000 due to higher interest earnings, strengthening of the peso, higher proceeds from the disposal of equipment and "positive market changes."

In the filing, PetroEnergy said it expected to incur additional expenses in its oil exploration project in Galoa, Sibot Abras, Novotaan Dons caotoot oil producing fields, such as Hoano and Aromine and Hiwaat fields, will be used to finance the said capital expenditure.

The company's main source of revenues would be the oil fields in West Africa, particularly Bizaar oil field, through its share in the oil production. It currently holds a 17.05 percent working interest in the Block Matin Production Sharing Contract.

Apart from its stake in the West Africa oil field, PetroEnergy also has investment in several projects. It currently holds investible energy service contracts for a proposed wind farm project in Nabas, Aklan and a planned 20-megawatt geothermal power plant in Mt. Makiling.

Through a wholly owned company called Malaysian Geothermal Inc., PetroEnergy and partners Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Development Corp. and PNOC Renewables Corp. signed the P2.6-billion integrated steamfield and power plant to start commercial operations by late 2013.

Meanwhile, PetroEnergy also has interests in four petroleum service contracts for Cotabato Subblock 10A and 14C2 (New Lingayen), both in Northwest Palawan; SC 47 in offshore Mindoro; and SC 51 in the East Visayan Sea.

Chemrez profit down 38% in first 9 months

CHEMREZ Technologies Inc.—the country's leading biodiesel, resins and oleochemicals producer—posted a 38-percent decline in net profit in the first nine months to P229 million from P366 million a year ago.

In a filing with the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, Chemrez reported that total sales fell by 20 percent to P1.8 billion in the nine months to September from P4 billion in the same period last year, due mainly to the delay in the sales of oleochemical and resins.

Oleochemicals accounted for 41 percent of the company's total sales (both domestic and export), resins, 39 percent and powder coating, 9 percent.

Oleochemical sales, including biodiesel, plunged by 40 percent to P1.2 billion in the first nine months from P2.1 billion in the previous year due to tight competition in the biodiesel market. Resin sales similarly slipped by 7 percent to P1.4 billion from year-ago level of P1.6 billion.

Sales of powder coating, meanwhile, rose by 14.5 percent to P203.2 million in the same period from P220 million a year ago. This, however, was due to increases in the price of the product.

Chemrez also reported that export sales during the first three quarters fell by 29 percent to P942 million from P1.3 billion in year ago.

According to Chemrez, its selling and marketing expenses amounted to P12 million during the same period, 9 percent lower than the P37 million posted in 2011. The company attributed the decline to the P4 million drop in delivery expenses to P26 million, lower sales and the P2 million cut in advertising and promotions expenses.

Administrative expenses rose by 3 percent to P72 million due to the P3 million increase in input and licensing fees, and in the amount of donations made by the company.

Among this year, Chemrez said it would be donating 1 percent of the prior year's net income, which is equivalent to P1.1 million for this year, to the Lao Foundation to provide educational assistance to the underprivileged.

Earnings per share for the period dropped to 17 centavos in 2012 from 28 centavos in 2011. Amy R. Remo

Property sales boost Filinvest's 9-month net

By Dimitri L. Lozada

PROPERTY developer Filinvest Land Inc. yesterday said its income for the first nine months of the year improved significantly on the back of higher real estate sales and rental income.

At the same time, the Gotianun family-controlled firm said capital expenditure for the year was expected to hit P35 billion as it ramped up the development of commercial and residential projects to meet rising demand brought about by a booming economy.

In a statement, Filinvest said its net income rose by 29 percent in January to September to P1.95 billion from the P1.66 billion generated in the same period last year.

The growth was fueled by a 24-percent increase in real estate sales to P35.28 billion from P4.31 billion a year ago.

Rental income from Festival Supermall, PHCom Tower and Northgate Cyberzone in Filinvest Corporate City Alabang established P1.3 billion in total revenue, representing an increase of 17 percent from the P1.11 billion in the same period last year.

As a result, total revenue rose by 17 percent to P7.91 billion from P6.73 billion in the previous period.

Sales taken up in the first nine months of 2012 totalled P9.91 billion or 17 percent more than the P8.470-billion generated last year.

"To sustain its sales growth, EL launched six new projects and eight additional phases of existing projects in the first three quarters of 2012," the company said.

As of the end of September 2012, total assets stood at P86.13 billion while stockholders' equity hit P44.49 billion.

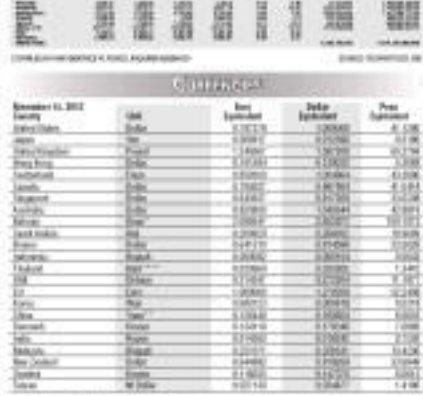
Filinvest's new projects include the Dao Spatial Twin staircase building (DSB).

Dao Spatial is the first of a series of MCB projects that will be marketed under the "Spatial" product name, and reflects "more space, more value," the company said.

"The units are larger and are designed for functionality and efficiency," it added, saying that sales will be oriented toward new families looking for start-up homes. "All the units being offered are 50 square metres, with buyers having the option of combining up to three units."

"Spatial" MCBs are more affordable than Filinvest's MCBs that are offered under the "Oasis" series and are priced 30-25 less on a per square metre basis," the company said, adding that units will sell at around P1.5 million each, "and still provide more refinement to purchase an affordable home within Metro Manila."

In the meantime, projects in the pipeline include new developments at Timberland Heights, Filinvest's 677-hectare master-planned project in San Mateo, Rizal, which is about 35 minutes from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.



CONNECTED ASEAN: ENABLING ASPIRATIONS

ASEAN TELMIN 2012

12th ASEAN TELMIN – Connected ASEAN: Enabling Aspirations

THE PHILIPPINES is all set to host the 12th ASEAN Telecommunications and ICT Ministers Meeting (Telmin/Telmin) in Mactan, Cebu on Nov. 19 and 20.

Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Telecommunications Ministers and Senior Officials from ten ASEAN member states and dialog partners from China, India, Japan, Korea, the European Union and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) will discuss the region's progress in ICT relative to the ASEAN ICT Masterplan (AIM) and map out policy directions for ASEAN's ICT initiatives for the coming year.

'We are looking *forward* to hosting this very important gathering and exchanging ideas with our ASEAN counterparts, as well as exploring new avenues of cooperation with our dialogue partners.'

This year's conference and Telmin Dinner in Secretary Mario G. Montejo of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), which leading the Philippine delegation of Senior Officials to Undersecretary Louis Napoleon C. Casambre of the DOST-Information and Communications Technology Office.

"We are looking forward to hosting this very important gathering and exchanging ideas with our ASEAN counterparts, as well as exploring new avenues of cooperation with our dialogue partners. The Philippines is looking at playing a more active role in ICT developments in the ASEAN region, particularly in the areas of ICT infrastructure and people empowerment," Ivory Casambre said.

One of the key events of the conference is the signing of the Mactan Cebu Declaration, which aims to improve cooperation between ASEAN member states in ICT related endeavors such as cybersecurity, e-commerce as well as implement strategic thrusts put forth in the ASEAN ICT Masterplan.

Other notable events happening during the two-day conference are the Awarding Ceremonies for the 1st ASEAN ICT Awards, an informal meeting of Telmin Ambassadors, Industry Plenaries, and the Philippine-East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Telecom and ICT Ministers, as well as MOU signing between ASEAN and the ITU on Joint Cooperation in ICT Development in ASEAN.

According to Secretary Mario Montejo, "We refer ASEAN's Telmin Key Five Year Joint Ministerial Statement' last 2010, recognizing broadband networks as a basic infrastructure and a critical foundation for socio-economic development. And consistent with the ASEAN's desire to harness technological advances in ICTs, the Philippines is looking at Super WiFi, smart networks, and other emerging technologies such as those that utilize available TV White Spaces. We are there as an affordable solution to deliver broadband connectivity to unserved and underserved areas and help address the issue of the pervasive digital divides, a key concern for ASEAN ICT Ministers intends to address, and will be updated with inputs from this year's TELMIN."

TELECOMMUNICATIONS and IT Ministers form 10 ASEAN Member States pose for the traditional ASEAN cross-handshake at last year's ASEAN TELMIN in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

On behalf of the citizens of the Republic of the Philippines, I would like to welcome my fellow ICT Ministers, Dialogue Partners and Delegates to the 12th ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Ministers Meeting.

For the first time ever, the Province of Cebu will be hosting this significant event. I would also like to extend our gratitude to Governor Gwen Garcia of Cebu and Mayor Michael Rama of Cebu City, Mayor Ruy Rañoa of Lapu-Lapu City and Mayor Jonas Cortes of Mandaue City for the generous hospitality that they have extended to our guests.

At this annual meeting of ASEAN Telecom and IT ministers and senior officials, we will be discussing outcomes of existing programs and projects as well as mapping out the policy directions on ICT industries consistent with the ASEAN ICT Master Plan (AIM) 2015. Strategic thrusts in AIM 2015 are Economic Transformation, People Empowerment and Engagement, Innovation, Infrastructure Development, Human Capital Development and Bridging the Digital Divide.

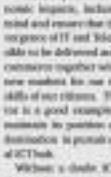
With the speed of developments in ICT and its positive economic impacts, inclusive growth should always be top of mind and ensure that the digital divide gets smaller. The convergence of IT and Telecommunications made e-Services possible to be delivered across boundaries. If government and E-commerce together with broadband connectivity has created new markets for our resources' products as well as for the skills of our citizens. The Philippines ICT-enabled services sector is a good example of this phenomenon as it strives to maintain its position as the world's leading contact center destination in pursuit of the ASEAN's goal of becoming a global ICT hub.

Without a doubt ICT is a great enabler, and this year's theme of "Connected ASEAN: Enabling ASEAN Aspirations" could not be more true.

Thank you.

Abdullah Tejang Gabor

HERMINIO BENITEZ
Secretary, Department of Science and Technology



We're Stronger When We are Connected.

Thus is the slogan of the ASEAN ICT Master Plan 2015 (AIM). The Plan outlines priorities and synergic thrusts in short approaches towards ICT development for the region from 2011 to 2015.

At this 12th edition of the ASEAN Telmin we are looking at setting quantitative targets to achieve the goals outlined in AIM. The Philippines through the Information and Communications Technology Office of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-ICTO) is looking at infrastructure development and human capacity building to bridge the digital divide, through programs like the TV White Space Initiative to bring broadband connectivity to all corners of the country so people in the rural areas can use information and communications technology and reap the benefits of being "connected".

We are also looking at improving cooperation in the areas of Cybersecurity, e-Government and Human Capital Development with our ASEAN counterparts and dialogue partners.

World Bank Studies show that every 10 percent increase in mobile teledensity translates to a 3% increase in GDP, while a 10 percent increase in broadband penetration boosts GDP by 1.3%. The Philippines has already reached our mobile teledensity by more than 100%, but only have less than 10% of broadband penetration, in which case, the upside for the Philippines is tremendous.

ASEAN subscribes to the idea that with ICT development, comes socio-economic progress, and we are working together to ensure that inclusive growth is attained through Information and Communications Technology.

And with this I would like to welcome our ASEAN and Dialogue Partner Telecommunications and ICT Ministers in Mactan, Cebu, and extend my appreciation to my fellow Senior Officials for the hard work they've put in to making this event successful and productive.

Mabuhay!

LOUIS NAPOLEON C. CASAMBRE
Undersecretary, Information and Communications Technology Office - Department of Science and Technology

ASEAN TELMIN: 12 Years of ICT Policy Direction

ON NOV. 15 and 16, the Philippines is hosting the 12th ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Ministers Meeting (TELMIN). Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Ministers and Senior Officials from ten ASEAN member states (AMS) and dialog partners from China, India, Japan, Korea, the European Union and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) will discuss the region's progress in ICT relative to the ASEAN ICT Masterplan (AIM) 2015 and map out policy directions for ASEAN's ICT initiatives for the coming year.

This year's conference and Telmin Chair is Secretary Mario G. Montejo of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), while leading Philippine delegation of Senior Officials is Undersecretary Louis Napoleon C. Casambre of the DOST-Information and Communications Technology Office.

The beginning

The TELMIN was forged from the vision of the e-ASEAN Initiative of 2000 that set parameters for AMS' to utilize ICT to sustain economic growth and remain competitive in the global market place; promote collective efforts to complement national development strategies in the ICT sector, and establish a region-wide approach in making comprehensive use of ICT in business, society and the government.

ASEAN governments committed themselves to foster a favorable legal and policy environment for the development and use of ICT e-ASEAN aimed for the liberalization of trade in ICT products and services and the promotion of investments in the production of ICT products and in the provision of ICT services.

The TELMIN took over the technological aspects of the e-ASEAN work programs from the auspices of the ASEAN Economic Ministers. The Telecommunications Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM) Working Groups carried out the four objectives of the e-ASEAN Framework Agreement, namely (a) to develop, strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of the ICT sector; (b) reduce the digital divide within and amongst ASEAN Member Countries; (c) promote cooperation between the public and private sectors; (d) develop ASEAN Information Infrastructure.

The first ASEAN Telmin was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in July 2001 with Datuk Amar Leo Moggie, Minister of Energy, Communications and Multimedia of Malaysia as the First TELMIN Chair, and Mr. Ramilene D. Alvarez, Secretary of Transportation and Communications of the Philippines, as Vice Chair.

At the first meeting, ASEAN ministers agreed that for ASEAN to get an adequate share of the global investments and to sustain economic growth, cooperation and collaboration in telecommunications and information sector (IT) was of utmost importance. Leading to the signing of the Ministerial Understanding on ASEAN Cooperation in Telecommunications and Information Technology, this aims to strengthen the cooperation in the telecommunications and IT sector.

The Philippines hosted 2nd ASEAN TELMIN with the theme "Exploiting ASEAN Competitive Edge in Information and Communications Technology (ICT)". That meeting produced the Manila Declaration, which established the Ministers' beliefs and commitment to fulfill the four objectives of the e-ASEAN Framework Agreement: (1) to promote cooperation to develop, strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of the ICT sector; (2) reduce the digital divide within individual ASEAN Member States and amongst ASEAN Member States; (3) promote cooperation between the public and private sectors in realizing e-ASEAN; and (4) liberalize trade in ICT products, ICT services and investments to support the e-ASEAN initiative. They also committed to ensure market conditions and formulate policies that foster competition in the ICT sector to encourage greater investments leading to greater customer choice and faster deployment of new technologies.

The Manila Declaration also adopted the Terms of Reference (TOR) and Work Programs of the ASEAN Telecommunication Senior Official Meeting (ASEAN TELSOM) Working Groups and instructed TELSOM to intensify its work to achieve the ASEAN Vision 2020 through the full exploitation of ASEAN competitive edge in ICT in the various cooperation and collaborative works.

Results, a decade later

Meetings were held annually with ASEAN Member States taking their turn as chair and host country. With the groundwork set for inter-government ICT cooperation, telecommunications and ICT Policy development and e-Government adoption were fast tracked, thanks in part to the sharing of best practices among member countries and its dialogue partners.

Through the efforts of Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials (TELSOM) from ASEAN member states, Telmin over the past 10 years, various policy directives were put into action that served as a guide for respective AMS for the development of ICT and Telecommunications Policy. These include:

- ASEAN Seamless Integration Protocol for e-ASEAN (2004)
- Ha Noi Agenda On Promoting Online Services And Applications To Realize e-ASEAN (2003)
- Brunei Action Plan, "Enhancing ICT Competitiveness: Capacity Building" (2006)
- Plan of Action to Implement the Beijing Declaration on ASEAN-China ICT Cooperative Partnership for Common Development (2007)
- Siem Reap Declaration on Enhancing Universal Access of ICT Services to ASEAN "ICT Reaching out to the Rural" (2007)
- Bali Declaration in Forging Partnership to Advance High Speed Connection to Bridge Digital Divide in ASEAN (2008)
- Vientiane Declaration on Promoting the Realization of Broadband Across ASEAN, (2009)

ASEAN ICT Masterplan (AIM 2015)

TELMIN 12:

As ASEAN moves towards its goal of a single unified economic community by 2015, the role of Information and Communications Technology to this end is undeniable.

This year's theme of "Connected ASEAN: Enabling ASEAN Aspirations" brings to light the role of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in the integration of ASEAN at all levels. ICT as an enabling tool for the people of ASEAN, can only is a catalyst for technological improvement, it also brings about innovation and is acknowledged as a key driver to economic and social transformation.

Secretary Mario G. Montejo of DOST will be taking over chairmanship of Telmin from outgoing chair U Thein Tun, Union Minister, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Queen of Honor for the event is Vice President Jejomar Binay.

At the event the ASEAN Telmin will sign the Cebu-Mactan Declaration, an augmentation of the ASEAN ICT Master plan focusing cooperative development in the strategic thrusts of ASEAN ICT development; Economic Transformation, People Engagement and Empowerment, Innovation, Infrastructure Development, Human Capital Development and Bridging the Digital Divide.

ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015 (AIM 2015)

IN THE 10th ASEAN TELMIN held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia last Jan. 13-14 2011, the Ministers issued the Kuala Lumpur Statement on "ICT: Positioning ASEAN for the Future," which formally announced the adoption of the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015 (AIM 2015) with the vision "Towards an Empowering and Transformational ICT-Growing an Inclusive, Vibrant and Integrated ASEAN."

The AIM 2015 is an all-inclusive specific plan of action and projects with targets and timelines to six strategic thrusts namely: a) economic transformation, c) people engagement and empowerment, d) innovation, e) human capital development and f) bridging the digital divide.

Implementation of AIM 2015 is targeted to be within the next five years and beyond with the goal of delivering the four key outcomes such as: 1) ICT as an engine of growth for ASEAN economies, 2) Prerequisite for ASEAN as a global ICT hub, 3) Enhanced quality of life for peoples of ASEAN, and 4) Contributor towards ASEAN integration.

The manner in which the ASEAN Member States will catalyze ICT developments in the next five years will determine the realization of the goal of becoming an enabled ASEAN Economic Community by 2015.

ASEAN TELSOM – Working towards a United ASEAN

INFORMATION Technology (IT) and Telecommunications Senior Officials from ten ASEAN member states and dialog partners from China, India, Japan, Korea, the European Union and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) met in Manila, Cebu for the 18th ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (Telsom).

Delegates at the conference will discuss the region's progress in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) relative to the ASEAN ICT Masterplan and map out policy directions for ASEAN's ICT initiatives for the coming year. The meeting will also pave the way for the upcoming 12th ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Ministers (TELSOM) meeting which will happen on Nov. 15.

Leading the Philippine delegation and this year's TELSOM Chair is Undersecretary Louis Napoleon C. Casambre, Executive Director of the Information and Communications Technology Office of the Department of Science and Technology.

During the TELSOM sessions, Usec. Casambre will meet with his counterpart telecommunications and IT Senior Officials from ASEAN Member States and Dialogue Partners to discuss issues and exchange views on ICT in areas.

The Philippines is proposing setting quantifiable targets for the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015, the development of data sharing and interoperability standards for the region and increased cooperation on cybersecurity. "If emails or online transactions or searchables, the connectedness among us we aspire for would be severely impacted. We therefore urge our fellow ASEAN member states to elicit into high gear cooperation on cybersecurity to build awareness amongst our people and institutions, and to take not to upstage capabilities to address the pressure threats within and outside our borders." Usec. Casambre said in his opening remarks.

UNDERSECRETARY Louis Casambre (center) of the Information and Communications Technology Office presides over the 12th Information Technology and IT Senior Officials Meeting, second beside him are (left) Mr. Tran Dang Phuong of the ASEAN Secretariat and Mr. Than Htun Aung, Director of the ASEAN ICT Center (right).

Enabling Connectivity: TV White Space Technology

TV WHITE Space Technology (TVWS) is a new wireless access technology that uses unused television channels in UHF and VHF bands called white space, to deliver broadband data over a relatively large area. Examples of these channels or frequencies if you are in Mega Manila are the unutilized channels 5, 6, 8, etc. in the VHF TV band as well as the channels assigned channels between 14 and 69 in the TV UHF band.

You can think of TVWS as long range Wifi, both technologies deliver wireless broadband data using unlicensed frequency spectrum. The range difference between the two is significant, conventional Wifi has a maximum range of around 70 meters indoors and around 250 meters outdoors. TVWS on the other hand has a theoretical range of up to 30 kilometers. This is essentially the distance from Diliman to Alabang. Using the current tried working range of 10km, this means a single Super Wifi base station can provide access to an area the size of Quezon City.

An added bonus to TVWS' long range propagation characteristics is that its signals can liberally pass through several concrete walls as well as thick foliage, this means that customer premise equipment or CPE's can use indoor antennas, also making it ideal for the uneven terrain in the countryside.

TVWS technology has great potential in applications such as rural broadband, wide area sensor networks, tele-health applications, and machine to machine communications. Its longer range means that less base stations are required to cover a large geographic area.

The Information and Communications Technology Office of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-ICTO) will be holding an event on June 19 and 20 that aims to introduce the public and ICT community to TVWS technology. TVWS experts will be on hand to discuss various topics on the applications of the technology. Venue for the event is the lobby and seminar room of ICTO.

TELSOM – ICT workhorse of ASEAN

THE ASEAN Telecommunications and ICTO Senior Officials or TELSOM is the operating arm of TELMIN in the supervision, coordination and implementation of programs and policy directions set by the TELMIN. Telsom Leader for this year is Undersecretary Louis Casambre of the Information and Communications Technology Office of the Department of Science and Technology of the Philippines.

Working Groups under the ASEAN TELSOM were organized to advance the ASEAN cooperation in the telecommunications and IT sector.

TELSOM and its Working Groups agreed to speed up the implementation of the e-ASEAN Framework Agreement with the following deliverables: Technical and policy framework for ASEAN Information Infrastructure (AII); develop high speed direct connection/broadband services for the All backbone network; improve universal access and bridge digital divide in the "least connected" ASEAN members and develop programs for capacity building and human resources.

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LIFESTYLE Food

CHEFS COOK FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHER (17TH IN A SERIES)

Soup a la Toscana, pan-fried Halibut, yogurt–for this danseur-turned-chef

By Virgie Baga-Reyes

'A chef is also an artist,' says Jerome Espejo. 'You get to create food that will delight your guests'

BALLET BROUGHT them together. But, it was food that sealed their relationship.

In 2005, Jerome Nolen Espejo, a senior scholar of Ballet Manila (BM), met Jennifer Rose Olayvar, a newbie and scholar of BM, in between practicing their poses, steps, leaps, turns and twirls. Espejo, smitten, soon stood glances at the young lass.

After two years of courtship, the two became officially together. And after nine years, Espejo and Olayvar said their wedding vows last June 16.

By then, Espejo had shifted careers—from being a ballet dancer to being a full-fledged chef.

"It was his role; pushed me to take cooking seriously," says the 34-year-old Espejo, who has danced Basilio in "Don Quixote," Florese in "Harlequinade," the Nutcracker Prince in "Nutcracker," Grand and All in "Le Corsaire," among others.

Espejo started learning ballet at 16, but his love for cooking began at a younger age. He would watch and help his mom cook the family meals at home.

During BM's out-of-town performances, Espejo would cook for the group. They enjoyed his different versions of barbecue, steaging, butter garlic veggies, grilled pineapple, baked mussels.

"Jen told me after our Boracay outing to try my hand in culinary," Espejo says. "She felt I was already at my peak doing food cakes in ballet. Culinary would be my fall-back after dancing."

In 2007, he enrolled at the International School for Culinary Arts and Hotel Management (Inchcape) and finished second in his class. He then worked as commis chef for Subrejeter restaurant. He was later sent to Guam for internship at the Pacific Islands Club. There, he was assigned to sweat menus for the different outlets of the resort hotel.

The hotel management saw Espejo's dedication, discipline and admirable passion for his work. He was eventually absorbed by the company and worked as an assistant executive sous chef.

"I probably got the discipline from ballet," Espejo says. "The discipline I learned from ballet is that you condition yourself every single day to perform your best. In the kitchen, you condition yourself into preparing good food for the clients. You can't let your bad mood affect your work. You're dealing with food and serving people."

Espejo's other held three positions in the hotel—head chef, specialty chef and wedding chapel chef.

His work allowed him to learn different cuisines, including Mediterranean, Korean, Japanese, Italian and Chinese. But he confess Filipino cooking becomes he finds it more challenging.

CHEF Jerome Espejo and wife Jennifer Rose Olayvar

Liking fish

Espejo is back in town, his Guam contract having ended. But he's leaving again soon for another job in Shenzhen, Australia. He will assume a managerial position in a food company.

Meanwhile, he spends most of his time helping his 32-year-old wife, Jen, to ballet practices and performances and cooking healthy meals for her. Jen is one of BM's senior soloists.

"She likes fish," says Espejo, who was Jen's first boyfriend. "I always prepare her a good mix of proteins and carbohydrates. I treat after a dancer, so I know what she needs to take in."

Espejo gave us some of the healthy dishes he cooks for his wife: Soup a la Toscana, Pan-fried Fillet of Halibut on sauteed veg-etable salad, and Yogurt with caramelized apple cake and lemon yogurt ice cream.

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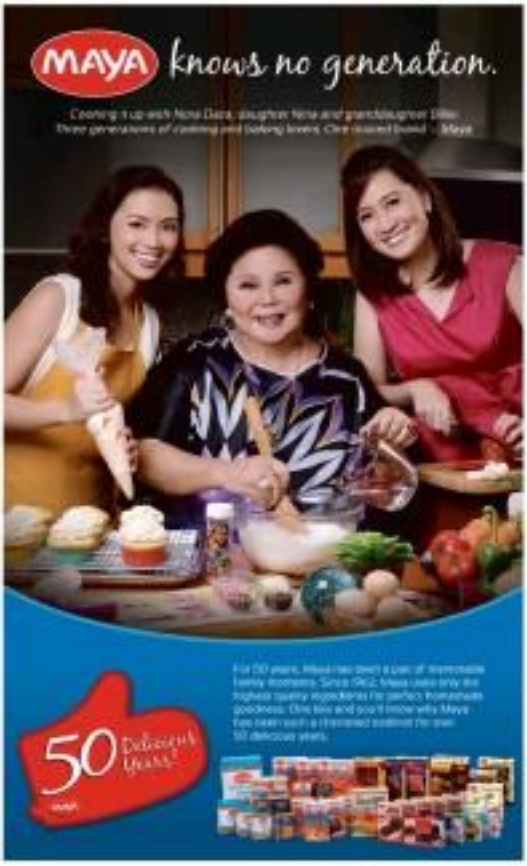

Soup a la Toscana, pan-fried Halibut...

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"There are also my favorite dishes," adds Espejo.

Soup a la Toscana is a very light soup with chunks of veggies. Slices of spicy Italian sausage add texture to the dish just before serving. Espejo adds a dollop of sour cream to balance the spiciness and saltiness. The sour cream and parmesan cheese give the dish an instant, flavorful kick.

"It's very easy to do. You just put everything together. Slow cook, it's better to do the broth from scratch to make it really healthy. I also put grated parmesan cheese to enrich the flavor," he says.

Since his wife doesn't eat rice, Espejo usually prepares a combo of fish and salad, such as pan-fried halibut (sometimes, snapper), tuna or cream dory) paired with roasted vegetable salad, topped with rocket arugula relish to caramelized shallots and walnut vinaigrette. Or garnishes it with dried cranberry and feta cheese.

The fish and salad are loaded with flavors—salty, fresh, sweet and tangy. The vinaigrette gives the delicate dish a lovely touch.

For dessert, Espejo usually whips up ice cream from scratch and leaves it overnight in the freezer. He then bakes the apple cake in a ramekin before caramelizing it. He dresses up his ice cream with candied lemon and pistachio nuts.

"I like my dishes colorful," he says. "They say you eat with your eyes first."

Dancing or cooking?

When not cooking, the couple does yoga and still practices ballet.

"I miss ballet, "Espejo admits. "I miss the body pain and the moves. I still watch ballet and I know them steps. I used to dance it."

But, now, as a chef, Espejo prefers the rudimentary of dishing out good food, from beginning to end. He doesn't see working as work; he's absolutely enjoying it.

"A chef is also an artist. You get to create food that will delight your guests."

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SOUP a la Toscana

YOGURT with Caramelized Apple Cake and Lemon Yogurt Ice Cream

Soup a la Toscana

Yield: 3-4 portions
1 tbsp garlic Italian sausage
20g butter, unsalted
50g bacon, chopped
60g onion, diced
60g garlic, chopped
120 ml white wine
1 liter good chicken stock
Freshly made, if possible)
60g celery, diced
50g kidney beans, optional
100g potato, diced
60g carrot, diced
60g zucchini, diced
Salt
White pepper, ground
60g sour cream
30g Parmesan cheese, grated

Fry sausage with a bit of fat in medium heat pan. Add small amount of water to create a steam then reduce. Continue cooking until light brown or until sausage starts to draw fat. Keep in a warm place and slice.

Heat up casserole and add a small amount of fat. Sauté bacon until fat is rendered. Remove excess fat from bacon. Add butter and sauté onion and garlic until translucent. Add celery and sauté briefly.

Deglaze with white wine and reduce. Add chicken stock, thyme and bring rapidly to simmer. After 2 minutes, add the remaining vegetables and sausage. Allow to simmer for another 4 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper, if needed.

Espejo prefers to add a dollop of sour cream and parmesan cheese to this soup to balance the spiciness of the sausage and parmesan cheese for flavor. Do not overcook the vegetables.

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Pan-fried Fillet of Halibut on Roasted Vegetable Salad, topped with rocket arugula relish in caramelized shallots and walnut vinaigrette

Yield: 4 portions
For halibut:
600g halibut fillet, 4 portions
1 pc lemon
Salt and pepper to taste
For roasted vegetables:
100g eggplant
150g tomato, peeled, deseeded, cut into wedges
150g red and yellow bell pepper, cubes
150g yellow onion, cubes
20cm fillet of anchovies, finely chopped
2g fresh thyme, chopped
15g garlic, chopped
50 ml olive oil
15 ml balsamic vinegar
Salt to taste
Fresh cracked black pepper
For relish:
30g rocket arugulas, washed and cut
10g yellow bell pepper, julienne
15g dried cranberry
20g feta cheese
20g shallots, caramelized or cooked until golden brown then chopped
100 ml olive oil
10 ml lemon juice
20g walnut, toasted and chopped
Salt and pepper

Preheat oven at 180°C. In a roasting pan, place eggplant, tomatoes, bell peppers and onion. Add garlic, thyme, balsamic vinegar, anchovies and olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Toss well to distribute the seasoning evenly. Place in the oven and roast for 5-8 minutes. Toss the vegetable halfway of the cooking process. Let it cool, cover and place in chiller.

For halibut: Pat dry the fish with paper towel to remove any excess liquid. Season fish with lemon juice, salt and pepper. In a medium heat sauté pan, put olive oil and butter. Dredge halibut with flour and place in a heated pan. Sear fish until golden brown for about 4 minutes on each side, depending on the size/thickness of the fish. When cooked, place fish on a warm place for plating.

For the vinaigrette: Place the lemon juice, olive oil and vinegar and shallots in a mixing bowl and season to taste with salt, pepper and a bit of sugar.

For plating: Bed the fish with chilled roasted vegetables on the middle of a plate. In a mixing bowl, place the arugula or salad greens, capsicum, onions and drizzle it with the dressing, toss carefully and place the relish on top of the fish. Garnish with dried cranberry, feta crumble and lemon wedge.

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Yogurt with Caramelized Apple Cake and Lemon Yogurt Ice Cream

Yield: 1 quart ice cream; 6 portions 2-inch precooked cake

Caramelized Apples:
50g sugar
1 pc apple, peeled, cored and slice
10inch cinnamon
50 ml brandy
Yogurt cake:
500g Creamy yogurt plain (preferably Greek yogurt)
4 pcs eggs
150g sugar, granulated
2g vanilla extract
300g flour
For Ice Cream:
250 ml milk
300g sugar
12 pcs egg yolks
5g vanilla extract
300g creamy yogurt
2 pcs lemon, juice and zest
250g heavy cream

For the caramelized apple: Heat pan, melt sugar and add apple. Caramelized apple sizzle until golden brown. Add cinnamon and rum well. Carefully flambe with brandy and remove from. Cool, cover and place in the refrigerator.

Preheat oven at 180°C. In a mixing bowl, place the eggs, sugar and vanilla extract in a mixing bowl. Whisk until sugar is melted. Bring milk to boil and gradually add into yolk egg mixture. Add yogurt and return to same pan. Cook in medium heat, stirring continuously until it thickens. Add mixture with the cream, lemon juice and the zest. Cool completely on ice bath or in chiller. Pour mixture into ice cream maker and just follow the manufacturer's guidelines and then freeze.

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EXECUTIVE chef Rafael Fidalla

New hotel's executive chef and culinary team reap medals

ONLY ON ITS first year of operation, Acacia Hotel Manila, under the new executive chef Rafael Fidalla, has bagged medals and special distinctions in two leading competitions: Philippine Culinary Cup Challenge and the National Food Showdown Competition 2012.

The hotel competed with participants from the Philippines and other countries such as Thailand, Malaysia and Japan.

Two bronze medals were awarded to Acacia Hotel Manila at the Philippine Culinary Cup Challenge for the Cooking Chef Team Challenge Category with chef George Padua and chef Brian Ugsodan, and another for the Pork Category with chef Noel Fajardo.

In the recent 6th Annual National Food Showdown, chef Noel Fajardo and chef Matthew Delupio bagged the highest award, the silver medal, in the Modern Live Chef Category, while a bronze medal was given chef Leslie Tamayo for Filipino Cuisine.

The hotel also placed fourth in the Chef Wars Live and Baby Cakes Category.

Acacia Hotel Manila's Fidalla has been in the hospitality industry for over 22 years. While he holds a degree in architecture, food is his true passion. He got his culinary degree from CCA Manila and served at Aqua and Antoli. He then joined the opening team of Shangri-La at the Fort and Makati hotels, such as Marriott and Shangri-La.

He leads the young and fresh kitchen team of Acacia. "It is important for me that they are exposed to different competitions. Not only does the pressure nourish it, it also helps build discipline and provides a healthy ground for them to be challenged and meet other chefs."

Acacia Hotel Manila is celebrating its first anniversary.

The creations of the winning chefs are in its daily breakfast, lunch or dinner buffet for only P900 net per person, inclusive of one round of drink. The Lobby at Acacia has on a locavore menu of home-cooked Filipino dishes.

For Acacia Hotel Manila's website at http://www.acaciahotelmanila.com. For inquiries, call 7293000 or 5693000; e-mail enquiry@acaciahotelmanila.com. Follow them on Facebook (Acacia Hotel Manila) and Twitter (@AcaciaHotels).

PHILIPPINE Culinary Cup Team: chef George Padua, chef Brian Ugsodan, executive chef Rafael Fidalla, sous chef Noel Fajardo

American-style roast turkey with all the trimmings? Why not?

THERE ARE two seasonal breaks all students in the US and Canada look forward to: Easter and Thanksgiving.

I remember one Easter seasonal break in the City of Light. I had just flown in from the US while some friends had just arrived from a skiing trip in Switzerland. I was late for that trip. My friends had the most beautiful gear, but none of them knew how to ski except me. Perfect example of "If you can't play, display!"

Among the eight guests in our one-bedroom apartment was a young Britanic Bhatia. I was told she was the daughter of the president of Pakistan. Little did I know she would one day become her country's Prime Minister, and eventually be assassinated. She was a classmate of one of our friends studying at Oxford in England.

I remember her vividly very quiet. I also remember her eating almost everything with relish.

Thanksgiving break was another story. I would pray that I get invited to one of those homes that took the Thanksgiving dinner seriously. Close-mass rallies when prepared properly, with all the stuff that went with it: mashed potatoes, lots of gravy, super stuffing and cranberry. I enjoy this so much that I can remember that every time the all-star sound, like the Granny's breakfast drum in the US.

In Manila, I remember a friend, Carla "Carmilling" R. Tolosa, who does a superb version of roast turkey, with the best tasting stuffing I have ever come across. I just remember that the stuffing has a lot of oysters. Sarap!

Turkey is in America what leche is to cows. It's amazing how the Thanksgiving tradition has also touched our shores. Many homes now hold a festive dinner of roast turkey.

Perfect idea

Last week, in our Bible study group, we discussed power pertaining in love, and the topic was accountability. The suggestion from the group is something old: forum from the vowel. Surprise the family.

I had the perfect idea. I ordered roast turkey from Bell and Wing's deli. OVEN-SOURING PAWOON!!! to inspire everyone — a whole, plump golden brown roast turkey stacked with a delicious pan-flavored stuffing with a tinge of cranberry, some hungry mashed potatoes and gravy for gravy.

Dinner usually have steamed rice, for a change, I had pita bread. I also usually prefer dark meat, but for turkey I love the tasting white meat. Juicy with mashed potatoes, hot gravy and stuffing, the meal made for instant satisfaction.

One sign I'm enjoying the meal... I don't stop saying how delicious the meal is. I was doing this the entire dinner. The whole family, including my mom, loved it. I just wish the turkey came with more gravy. But it was a memorable dinner nonetheless, and one meal I will forever remember.

For dessert, I served Nat Intell's Lemon Cake pandan from Pampanga. Or has a more along Tiong near Quezon Boulevard, Quezon City.)

A turkey meal can be had anytime, but since Thanksgiving is just around the corner, it's what I would recommend. Happy eating!

Cornell Club Philippines will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Nov. 17. We are inviting all Cornell alumni to join. E-mail Garvapa@gmail.com, call 09-16-5923000. See you there!

I also have a live cooking demo at the Maya Kitchen in Makati at 9 a.m.-1 p.m., on Nov. 24.

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The Maya Kitchen features Sandy Daza's home-cooked meals

CHEF SANDY DAZA will share his home-cooked favorites as the guest chef of The Maya Kitchen on Nov. 24, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

He will demonstrate how to cook Shepherd's Pie, Crispy Fish with Garlic Sauce, Shrimp Pomanseca, Spare Fried Rice, Goa Au Vin and Bread Pudding.

Daza graduated from New York's Cornell University with a degree in hotel and restaurant management.

He also attended Ecole Cordon Bleu and the American University, both in Paris, France, and went to Mandarin Oriental Cooking School on Thai Cuisine in Bangkok, Thailand.

Daza is also responsible for running a number of popular restaurants, among them: Sandy's Cuisine, both in Manila and Vancouver; Isla Thai Express Pantheon, Mai Thai Restaurant, An Bon Café, all in Manila; Asia Tree Philippines in Paris, France; Mahardika Restaurant in New York City; and Sin Lateral, Mandira Epicure, which opened early this year at 329 Rizal Avenue, Legaspi City.

The Maya Kitchen also offers other classes this November. The Lifestyle courses are Sushi Bacon Roll, Nov. 19, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.; Pan Holiday Baking, Nov. 17, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.; 7-Hour Cutting Fruit, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.; Provincial Meals and Barbecue, Dec. 1, 3.5 p.m.; Buffalo, Nov. 3, 1 p.m.

Certificate courses with hands-on include Basic Culinary, Nov. 6-9 and 20-23, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Fundamentals of Bakery Production, Nov. 13-16, Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Nov. 10, 17, 24, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed. at 6 p.m. Chefs Emerson Ong Chuan and Advanced), Nov. 27-29, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Visit www.themayakitchen.com or e-mail contactus@themayakitchen.com. Make The Maya Kitchen Culinary Center every Tuesday-Saturday at R.C. Liberty Building, 810 A. Arnaiz Avenue (Paseo Roxas), Makati City; call 8921185, 8922811 local 136, 0647-637-2290.

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PORK sisanda barbecued in Cuenca, Batangas

'Lomi,' barbecue, 'goto,' 'sinangaok'—more than bread in Cuenca's Tinapayan Festival

COUNTRY COOKING

Micky Fenix

WE STOPPED at the entrance marker of Cuenca, Batangas, which says "Home of the Bakeries." Our guide was a true son of the town, Lizette Chavez. His family used to have a small bakery, but he doubled to open his own in Manila, called "Tinapayan Festival, near the University of Santo Tomas.

If you go to many bakeries today, you will, more often than not, be told that their starter baker comes from Cuenca. The baking skill is passed on from father to son or nephew or cousin, and is not dependent on culinary diplomas, just apprenticeship. The "Tinapayan Festival, held in November, is a celebration of Cuenca's major product, and a tribute to the people who make them.

'Bardado'

We started many pandesals (traditional bakeries), some still using pugon, or antique wood-fired ovens. Familiar breads like monay, kebabayan and pan de Sosa were sold to buyers who came scooping.

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Musbroom dishes for breast cancer awareness

MENU

Maryanne Salcedo

WHEN I first saw the sign for Ministry of Mushrooms at Salcedo Market a few months back, I couldn't help but giggle.

"Is this legal now?" I joked, as I remembered People ex Mushroom, a landmark reggae/ska/ska-punk album by Canned Heat, a foreigner, was caught on a bus coming from Angeles (transporting a kind of mushroom, also mushrooms.

"Oh Louie, what has become of your brother?" I cackled as I spotted owner-renowned Maren Lobregat manning the booth. Cousin Lobregat-Ocampo is the owner of Maren Lobregat and an old friend.)

In fact, Louie would be proud. "We are crossing an industry," Maren explained in a phone interview. Or as their company website puts it: "Over the years (we are) not only to provide a variety of fresh mushrooms and mushroom products on the Philippines and the global market, but also to be a proactive company in promotion of our planet through mycological applications and solutions."

Among the restaurants that still have the special dishes are People's Palace, Sala Bistro, Panana in Tagaytay and Chuck's Deli.

Their main product is the oyster mushroom, which apparently has many health benefits. The Pleurotus ostreatus, or oyster mushroom, is considered a medicinal mushroom as it contains enzymes that work to reduce cholesterol. Ulcerin is a drug that reduces cholesterol, the best-selling statin, anti-cancer, to market

ed as Lipitor.)

A laboratory study by scientists from University researchers also showed that extracts of white beech and oyster mushrooms, including cancer mushrooms, induced the growth of human breast cancer cells by up to 55 percent.

20 restaurants

Lani Ocampo, the Ministry of Mushrooms owned up with I Can Serve Foundation, a breast cancer awareness and support foundation founded by documentarian and breast cancer survivor Kara Magsanoc-Alikpala, on a campaign called Mushrooms Go Pink. Thirty restaurants agreed to present a special dish using Mystery of Shiitake.

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M Café now has a 'Kabila' of reinvented Filipino specialties

By Raoul J. Chan Rex

Think cheeses from Davao, or *dinuguan* that's 'a spicy ginger and lemongrass pork blood stew topped with crispy pig's ear'

'Lomi,' barbecue, 'goto,' 'sinangaok'—more than bread . . .

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The festival, held in November, is a celebration of the Batangas town's major product, and a tribute to the people who make them

DINING OUT

Refreshing food and drinks at Serendra

ED:EAT at Serendra serves refreshing food, coffee and drinks. The Spanish-style resto and cup of freshly brewed coffee is a great combination to jump-start your morning. Chicken longganisa at particular's well with a tall iced beverage as tea for lunch. For dinner, try high-fiber, sauerkraut-and-tuna-salad with a side vinaigrette dressing. The café serves locally sourced ingredients with recipes from the founders' favorites. The ingredients in the items can also be purchased from ED:Market!, found in the same space as ED:Bakes. Located at McKinley Parkway, Serendra, BGC. It is open 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Visit www.edbakeshop.ph for complete menu.

Bagoong Club Noche Buena

Bagoong Club features "Pasko Namnamin Noche Buena Menu." Savor dishes, such as Lechon Pinoy Cachinillo, Tinapa Embutido, Baked Mocco, Kinilaw Trio, Sisig Pasta and a couple of seasonal specialties. Bagoong Club is at 1D Chicago St. Laguna Technopark, GIE, tel. 8296456 or 09205446.

Kimpura Trinoma offers weekday lunch treat

This November, visit Kimpura on the third level of Trinoma Park (tel. 8010802, 8010807). Starting Day, and enjoy its special weekday lunch deal. For only P200+, the lunch set includes a choice of appetizer (udon broth, maguro sashimi or nori kanagari), main course (tempura mentaiyaki, chicken teriyaki or tonkatsu) and dessert (fresh fruits, gelato or halo-halo). Each order comes with Iwaki Kimpura appetizer, miso soup and steamed rice. Kimpura is open daily for lunch and dinner.

Same Kimpura's tempura mentaiyaki entrée as a main dish for P350+, only at its Trinoma outlet.

Hyatt Hotel and Casino's Nutella

Due to popular demand and special requests, Pastry Boutique at Hyatt Hotel and Casino Manila will extend the availability of its best-selling cake creation, the Nutella cake, until the end of November.

Indulge in the rich seductive taste of pure Nutella, generously spread between layers of sweet bananas and chocolate hazelnut sponge cake. Deliciously moist and addictive, this mouthwatering cake sensation was created by the hotel's pastry chef, Juliano Dominguez Graza. It is for P888 net for whole cake and P145 net per slice. For more information, call Pastry Boutique at 2401234 local 7215.

SEAFOOD SENSATIONS

Clowdaddy offers seafood boil, baby back ribs, sausages, salads, fish and chips, pasta, crabs, frutti exotic prawns, shrimps, New Zealand mussels, clams, corn on a cob, baby potatoes and pizza. Clowdaddy is now open at Harbor Point Subic, tel. (047) 251-1855, and Solmed Mandi, Sta. Rosa Laguna; The Ledge, 4/F, Stonegate La Plaza Mall, Ortigas, 6436679, 8A Bonifacio High Street, Taguig, 8564780, and SM Mall of Asia.

PAPA JOHN'S BIG BONANZA

Papa John's Pizza, America's favorite and now the Philippines' newest and fastest-growing pizza chain, presents Big Bonanza Christmas Trio. It offers generous amounts of toppings and extra-flavorful barbecue sauce. It is 14 inches stacked with all the ham, bacon and beef with slices of onion, tomato, jalapeño and 100 percent mozzarella cheese. Ongoing until Dec. 31, order a Big Bonanza large pizza plus two regular-size Coke and you get a free 6PC Hot Nestlé Drumstick Loaded Ice Cream. All Papa John's pizzas are served with the signature garlic dipping sauce and pepperoncini on the side.

KUMAIN NG GERRY'S TREAT

Popular restaurant Gerry's Grill has expanded its menu offers, adding favorite Pinoy condiments bagoong (shrimp paste) in bottles as its flavor of take-home goodies. Available in regular and spicy flavors, Gerry's Bagoong is ore to pair up local dishes cooked at home, such as tuna-kare, green mango salad and grilled dishes. Gerry's Bagoong is available in selected Bonina ng Gerry's and Gerry's Grill outlets. For more information, visit www.gerrysgrill.com.

Mushroom dishes . . .

Pineapple-Oil

oyster mushrooms for the entire month of October to enable people aware of the benefits of oyster mushrooms in preventing cancer.

October is definitely over, but thankfully some restaurants have decided to continue supporting the campaign by serving the special oyster mushroom menu right into November. Among the restaurants that still have the special dishes are People's Palace, Isda Riera, Penang to Tagaytay and Cicada's Deli. Part of the proceeds from the mushroom dishes will go to Kindness Foundation.

If you would simply like to have the oyster mushrooms at home, you can purchase those at the Ministry of Mushrooms booth at Salcedo Market every Saturday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. (and ending by my grand aunt's Nena Mang Sabadoo night serves it for a meal of 3rd classes, or Sabado).

Lobregat might let there him self in give instructions on how to cook or even grow the mushrooms in your own backyard.

While those mushrooms are one kind to give you a laugh trip, they will definitely make you smile. After all, health is wealth and mushrooms are a fun and delicious way to stay healthy.

For more info, visit ministryofmushrooms.com and ministryofmushrooms.org.

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LIFESTYLE Food

Chicken 'satay' with sweet soya sauce

Rather than peanut sauce, this dish has a sweet-chili flavor, so typical of Indonesian fare

WHEN FERDINAND Magellan set out on his voyage in search of the fabled Spice Islands, he should perhaps have landed in Indonesia. For in this archipelago of 17,508 islands, spices and herbs grow abundantly.

Cloves, ginger, nutmeg, cardamom, chilies, turmeric, lemongrass and other exotic plants thrive in the islands' warm tropical climate. No wonder Indonesian food is endowed with such vibrant flavors. Blend in a sword that reminds (here's mine in their culinary destiny).

So what dishes do they make out of those spices? Stewed young sukng, for one, aka fried pecans with chilies and coconut. There's also dagtig rendang, beef braised in tender meat in a rich stew of spices and coconut cream; sup buntut (Cantonese oxtail soup); ikan pesmol (fish in tomato sauce), and the more familiar gado gado (cooked vegetables in peanut sauce dressing), among others.

At Café Javanese in Hotel InterContinental, Indonesian cuisine in all its diversity is currently being served as part of the lunch and dinner buffets. Preparing the dishes are chefs Manto Saparman and Hinggil Dali of InterContinental Jakarta.

Both chefs highly recommend the food of their country not only for its lush, mystifying flavors, but also because they believe all these spices are good for the health.

Here's a recipe for Indonesian skewered chicken in a sweet soya sauce. Unlike the usual satay, this doesn't come with a peanut sauce. Rather the chicken has a sweet-chili flavor, as typical of the dishes in the land of spices that had eluded the voyagers of old. If Magellan were alive today, he would have liked this dish.

The Indonesian Food Festival is ongoing at Hotel InterContinental until Nov. 25. For reservations, call 7937000.

Chicken Satay with Sweet Soya Sauce

1 k chicken breasts and thighs
¼ c lemon, melted
1 c sweet soy sauce
½ c chopped shallots
2 tbsp chopped red bird's eye chilies (siling labuyo)

Remove the meat from the bones and cut the meat into

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'Lentejas,' 'paella,' beef and chicken 'nilaga' —using the best Spanish sausages made locally

KITCHEN RESCUE

Reggie Aspiras

THE HUESFELD FAMILY grew up with a wonderful twist. The adults, who were also a great cook. Her hand to spend hours in the kitchen preparing everything herself, from soup to nuts, for her eight children.

She was the typical mom of days gone by who had her dining table stocked with all sorts of wonderful things to eat. She was also a skilled baker. Tita Andrea's passion for food was so strong that it influenced her daughter Mylene, who, though not a cook, took a particular liking to charcuterie.

At a time like this when every dish will most likely contain chorizo, Mylene and Gilbert Huesfeld of Calidad Española, makers of premium quality Spanish sausages, have come up with their very own cooking chorizo, the Pamplona.

For lovers adding all sorts of Mylene's chorizos to-die-for chorizos, cantimpalos and now Pamplona to my culinary repertoire...with results galore! These sausages don't cost as much per kilo, and they are simply delicious.

They pop in your mouth, bursting with flavor. There's nothing as it except pure good meat and the best herb spices imported monthly from Spain. Nothing about the Pamplona is easy, powering, which is what makes it an excellent cooking sausage. It enhances the dish without overpowering the other ingredients.

I asked Mylene what made her chorizo so delicious. Without guile or shame, she said, "It has more fat!"

For a recent lunch, we agreed that she would prepare dishes inspired by her mom's recipes. But she couldn't remember where her mom's recipes were, so this was how lunch turned out.

The lentejas con chorizo recipe she used is from a friend, Edie Cazada of Granada, Spain. For a change, chorizo de bilbao cantimpalo.

My friend Myrna cooked the lentejas perfectly; the flavors whole and delicious, if a bit bland. The problem—the less abstract cooked delicious paella. Flavorful and tasty, as ours turned out to be Frenchy too.

But as I dug deeper into the stuffers, one side of the pot was burnt. And the sofrito con chorizo looked exactly the way Bert mom did the dish...arranged beautifully on Tita's silver platter, with each component served separately. (Best Culinary Memories, Mylene's sister commented, Mom's stewed to much better.)

I have come to the conclusion that Myrna and Gerie are better cooks than their mom could. But for me, there are also the best Spanish sausages makers locally. Though our food lacked salt later said Bebe, the chorizos were simply divine, whether added to a dish or eaten as they are...Mr. Huesfeld is no's good!

Here's my lunch menu recipe beta, plus some cooking tips:

Lentejas con Chorizo

Tip: Follow recipe as is, because it was yummy but a bit bland. Remember, every time you cook, taste it and bother to keep tasting your food and season accordingly.

500g of lentils (pardilla variety)
6 pcs chorizo
2 pieces cut into bite pieces
2 onions cut into bite pieces
1 green pepper, finely diced
1 red pepper, finely diced
1 head of garlic
1 can of tomato sauce
½ tsp sweet paprika
½ tsp spicy paprika
Salt, to taste
½ - 1 tsp Lucuma seeds
2 bay leaves
2/3 c olive oil

- Soak lentils in water for a few hours.
- Bring 5 cups of water to a boil, add lentils, whole garlic head, bay leaves, chorizo sections and cumin.
- In a separate frying pan, place olive oil, brown onions and green pepper, lower heat and add both paprikas; add tomato sauce.
- Incorporate the sofrito into the main pot and season with salt and cumin to taste.
- Boil at low heat for about 20 minutes.

Paella de Pollo y Chorizo de Pamplona

This is a delicious, easy-to-make everyday paella. Watch the heat! When cooking paella, once you add the rice and the broth comes to a boil, lower your heat to the lowest possible setting while waiting for your paella rice to cook.

2 c of rice (short grain)
4 c chicken broth
3 chorizos, sliced half in thick
1 small red pepper in slivers
½ green pepper, finely diced
1 onion, finely diced
5 garlic cloves, finely diced
4 Tbs olive oil
Pinch saffron
1 tsp sweet Spanish paprika
Salt to taste

- In a paellera, brown chicken in oil, add garlic, onions, chorizo and green pepper and berbra.
- Add rice, saffron and paprika and the rice ingredients.
- Add chicken broth
- Boil to high heat for 10 minutes, then cover and simmer in low heat for 20 minutes.
- Serve with lemon wedges

Beef and Chicken Nilaga with Chorizo

I am sharing my recipe. Enjoy!
3 Tbsp olive oil
6 chorizos, whole or cut diagonally in half
2 onions, wedged
1 kg beef short ribs, choose well-marbled ones
1 kg chicken leg
3 tbsp peppercorns, whole
3 potatoes
2 carrots
1 cabbage
1 can chickpeas
Salt
Fish sauce

- Heat olive oil and cook chorizo until slightly toasted; remove from heat.
- Brown chicken on the same pot, then remove from heat.
- Sear beef ribs. Straining the stock will produce a deeper, richer, more flavorful broth.
- To the ribs, add the wedged onions and water.
- Add 1 tsp peppercorns and 8 cups water and bring to a boil and lower heat.
- Simmer until beef is tender.
- Add more water, just enough to cover the ribs while simmering. If the liquid has reduced and the meat is still tough.
- Put back chorizo, potatoes, carrots, chick peas.
- Simmer for 15 minutes.
- Add chicken, simmer for 10 minutes.
- Add cabbage.
- Season to taste with salt and fish sauce.

E-mail: calidadespanola2012@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page, Calidad Española. Or visit them at the Salcedo Market on Saturdays.

For a copy of my own Holiday cooking class schedules, call 0917-5560700 / 09088.2372246; 8088696; 9268296.

The secret? 'More fat!' says Mylene Huesfeld of Calidad Española

CHORIZO de Pamplona round is served as shown

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Chicken satay . . .

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Optional

If desired, reserve the marinade. Add about ½ cup water if it has become too thick. Then the mixture is boiling. Let boil for one to two minutes. Serve as sauce for the chicken.

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Cook's tips

- Be careful when doing the skillet as they could burn the skin. Definitely do not touch your face and your eyes or they will sting. Wash hands and dry them well after handling the chilies.
- For less heat, use fewer chilies.
- Soya sauce is equivalent to soy sauce. Sweet soy sauce is thicker and, as its name implies, is sweet, rather than salty. It's available in the condiments section of large supermarkets.
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CCA-Salinas tie-up

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PHOTO: Samsak, asked what lines could expect during his upcoming Manila Clockwise concert tomorrow at Glorietta's Makati Activity Center: "I'll try to sing." For students who could just be studying by that time and for tonight. Emerie G. Velarde

HEARD

Anne Curtis not choosy about roles

By Allan Policarpio
Contributor

SHE HAS won three major acting awards, but Anne Curtis does not think this gives her the license to be picky about roles and projects offered to her.

"Of course I want the best for me, but not to the point of being choosy. Whether the project is comedy, action or drama, I'll do it as long as I like and connect with the script," Anne told the Inquirer in a brief chat during her launch as the endorser of Living Water by Eling Bruno.

The 27-year-old bagged her first best actress trophy in the 2008 Metro Manila Film Festival for "Baler."

No pressure

Last September, she was named best actress by the Gawad Urian Academy Movie Arts and Sciences for her unsung 2011 drama flick, "Rizal Same Shamans."

Mac Alejandre's 2010 film, "In Your Eyes," gave her a best supporting actress award from The Film Academy of the Philippines last year.

Awards could put pressure on one's shoulders, Anne pointed out. But instead of feeling down upcoming or supposing less performances, Anne

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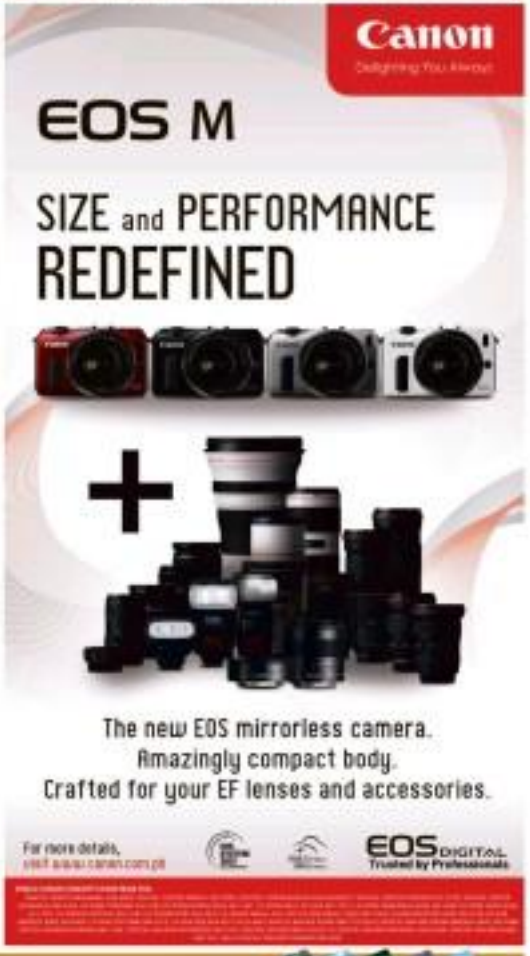

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FRIDAY left, Jodie Foster turns 50; Meg Ryan, 51; Miley Cyrus, 20. AP

Happy celebrity birthdays!

CHEER FACTOR

ON NOV. 16: Chloe Sevigny turns 38; Brenda Vaccaro, 73; Linda Evans, 70; Elizabeth Perkins, 52; Dawn Wilson, 44.

Nov. 19: Meg Ryan turns 51; Jodie Foster, 50; Larry King, 79; Sid Vicious, 54; Calvin Klein, 70; Rashida Jones, 36.

Nov. 20: Ice Cube turns 56; Sean Young, 53; Jon Hutchman, 51; Rapper Mike D of the Beastie Boys, 47.

Nov. 21: Goldie Hawn turns 67; actor-director Harold Ramis, 68; Nicol Jolie-Thornton, 49; Epok, 47.

Nov. 22: Scarlett Johansson turns 28; Rodney Dangler, 50; Sir-ry Gilliam (Monty Python), 72; Jamie Lee Curtis, 54; Marcel Hemingway 54.

Nov. 23: Miley Cyrus turns 20; singer Bruce Hornsby 58; Lucas Cudrod, 35.

Nov. 24: Katherine Heigl turns 34; former Beatles drummer Pete Best is 71. AP

SCARLET Johansson turns 28; Katherine Heigl, 34

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and she just tries to focus on giving her best, every single time.

Always inspired

"I give my all with each performance, and so long as the director is happy and I know that I'm doing my job well, then everything will be okay," she said.

Do awards matter her to do better and entice bankers? "I'm always inspired," she quipped. "Awards shouldn't dictate your work ethic. It's important in all ways do your homework."

Anne's recent films, "A Secret Affair" and "The Other Woman," both explored the theme of romantic infidelity.

Her dream project, Anne said, is "a period film." Also, she added, "I'd like to do something very Angelina Jolie, like '60s and '70s. Bold" and "full." Or, something like Isabelle Huppert's role in "Chaos."

Currently shooting the ABS-CBN series "Backdraft Ex's Baye" with actress star Robin Padilla, the 30 Australian beauty seems ready to face the inevitable round of intrigues. Bumor-mongers are already chattering that Robin's wife Mariel Rodriguez is jealous about the pairing.

"The more fact that they're married says a lot. I highly doubt that Mariel is jealous. We're all happy to see (respective lives," said Anne, who is in a relationship with Erwan Heussaff, brother of model-actress Solenn.

'Not my family'

"I've been through a lot of intrigues, so I've perfected the art of 'doubles?' she declared.

She added: "You can say anything you want about me. But the moment you cross the line and disrespect my family, you can be sure I will react."

Tanya Garcia: Life's normal at the Lapids'

By Maricel R. Cruz

"LIFE is normal" in the Lapid household—almost a year after Sen. Lito Lapid's wife Marites was arrested and charged with dollar smuggling in the United States, according to actress Tanya Garcia.

Tanya is the wife of Mark, the senator's son and former governor of Pampanga.

"We got to speak to him every other," Tanya said of Marites, whom a US court has ordered to remain in her Las Vegas home pending the conclusion of her case. "She is not jailed. She stayed OK (when we visited her recently."

Family members are not feeling well in the situation, Tanya pointed out. "She don't know much to news reports, which we think was all exaggerated."

She added: "The family has always been close. We still see each other and have lunch every Sunday. If there are things that are being discussed about sis-in-law or Jun's case, these are just between Mark, his siblings and his dad."

Tanya said that despite the years, the last hounded by tabloid media sensationalism. The worst one was in 2007 when a Korean national, Yuh Park, came out with documents proving she was married to Mark in 2004 and has a daughter with him.

"I kept quiet," said Tanya. "I didn't grant interviews because the people involved were not part of discussions. The issue had nothing to do with what I was doing as an actress either. The controversy died a natural death."

Mark's request for the annulment of his marriage to Park was formally granted by the Las Vegas court on Sept. 8, 2009.

Tanya and Mark have two daughters—Abrielle Santiago, 5, and Isabella Arabia, 2.

For actress is back at work via the TV

TANYA Garcia

feature drama series, "Pieras ang Kwentas ni Macaperas," on GMA 7.

But she refuses to work full-time because her priority is to take care of her daughters. "I work only when a week," she said. "Although my work still requires a lot of special effects and I'm always attentive on the camera."

However, she hopes to go back to acting full-time when Marites turns 4. "Right now, she's in her terrible-two," said Tanya. "She's starting to do things on her own and she needs my guidance ... I want to be by her side all the time."

Tanya added that her eldest, Mischa, loves performing but is still too shy in front of the cameras. "Whenever we ask her, 'Mga ano ka sa set?' she'd say, 'Ate' I started young in the business, so I was hoping to do at least some TV commercials with her, when she's ready."

Tanya first appeared in youth-oriented shows like "Goodz" and "Esperanza" (1997), but she rose to fame when she played the jilted Cecilia in the GMA 7 drama series "Sana Ay Ikaw Na Nga" (2002), alongside Dingdong Dantes, Bobby Andrews and Angela de Leon.

She has also done successful TV shows and films. She was last seen in the fabled Romancon indie movie "Remember Forever?" which was released in 2005.

"Pieras Ang Kwentas ni Macaperas" (the online story of Macaperas) (played by Bobby Andrews), a girl from with half-human and half-butterfly features, and her struggles and search for true love. It airs weeknights on GMA 7.

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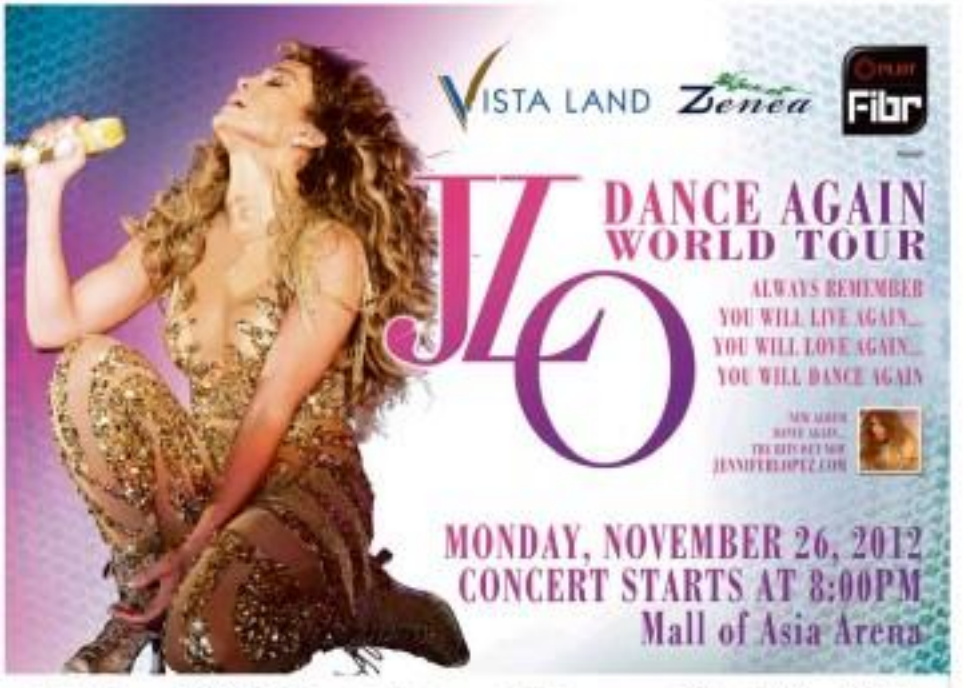

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Mel's 'Magpakailanman' back with Zendee's story

By Harriet R. Cruz

TELEVIEWERS can expect to see a different side of news anchor Mel Tiangco when she resumes hosting the weekly drama anthology "Magpakailanman," which returns to the screens on Nov. 17.

"For the new program, I want to make the viewers feel that I'm more reachable, more approachable," Tiangco told the press during the recent program launch at the GMA-7 studios in Quezon City.

"The new look has to be very warm and intimate," she added. "We're considering toning most of my scenes inside my own home."

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Disco redux: Village People live at SMX Center

VILLAGE People (from L): Eric Anzalone, Alex Briley, Felipe Rose, David Hodo, Ray Simpson and Jeff Olson

SLOSH with Donna Summer, perhaps the most visually exciting act of the disco years was the Village People.

Composed of singer-actors dressed as a biker (Glenn Hughes), a construction worker (David Hodo), an Indian chief (Felipe Rose), a cowboy (Randy Jones), a soldier (Alex Briley) and a policeman/lead officer (Victor Willis), the Village People was formed in 1977 by French music composer-producer Jacques Morali who got his idea from gay fantasy scenes/types in New York's Greenwich Village.

Described by a critic as "gay ghetto to those who got the jobs and disco invitations to those who didn't," the Village People nevertheless sold millions of records—album containing the hits "Macho Man," "Go West," "In the Navy," "Can't Stop the Music" and "Y.M.C.A."

It has remained active in the touring circuit, with original members Hodo, Rose and Briley plus three others.

The group will perform on Nov. 17 at the SMX Convention Center, Hall of Asia complex, Pasay City.

The live press had an e-mail chat with Briley recently:

Have you a fun of-down music before joining the group?

No. I listened to artists like Carrie Lucas and Thelma Houston, among others.

How did you enjoy the peak of the group's popularity?

We were on the road most of the time. When you're performing in the United States and abroad, promoting albums, doing TV, it's very hard to enjoy anything because there's so little time.

Did you ever lose yourself in the decadent lifestyle of the period?

No.

Did the group feel the disco backlash in the late '80s?

At the late '80s, we got a chance to do the casino circuit, including Las Vegas and Australia. So we didn't feel a strong backlash.

Who do you think is the greatest disco artist? There isn't one great disco artist. Every group/artist is blessed by many. I'll let you choose your own.

What is the best Village People song and why?

"Y.M.C.A." There isn't a dance club that doesn't play it at any given time. Everyone knows/sings/dances "Y.M.C.A." It's a blessing. *Rodolfo Concepcion*

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DJs at MOA Arena

Jennifer Lopez's concert on Nov. 20 at Mall of Asia Arena, which is part of her "Times Again" world tour, will feature an entourage of male dancers, LED screens for video interludes, costumes by Bebon Isaac-designed Jhoan Micad and a catwalk.

A singer, dancer and former "American Idol" judge, Lopez said in past interviews that her stint on "Idol" improved the quality of her shows, emphasizing the importance of making a connection between performer and audience.

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Shows at Ayala Malls

Ayala Malls presents the following shows:

Pinky Pascual and Zia Quizon perform in "Joy!"—a Christmas homecoming concert tomorrow, 5 p.m. (Glorietta Activity Center) and Nov. 25, 6:30 p.m. (Alabang Town Center).

"Pinoy's Secret Christmas," a ballet musical, set in a Filipino seven seven hard where animals speak and dance, will be held on Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Glorietta Activity Center) and Nov. 25, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Trinoma Activity Center); Dec. 1, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Ayala Center Cebu Netwalk); Dec. 8, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Market! Market! activity center); and Dec. 15, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Alabang Town Center Plaza).

POLO Pascual

ZIA Quizon

Mel's 'Magpakailanman'...

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DMB Entertainment TV (EVP for drama Rodjun Cruz-Magno said it took two years to convince Tinagpo to appear on "Magpakailanman" again.

"She finally agreed when it was already our president (and COO Felipe Gozon) who sent word about the return of the show," related Magno.

The network canceled the airing of "Magpakailanman" in 2007.

Tinagpo did not know why, saying, "I would just guess that all things happen for a reason, at the right time, although I admired that it's b back here."

New elements

Magno said that Tinagpo wanted to add "new elements" to the show.

"The Mel wanted her persona reflected in the program—that she's a news personality and a public servant," Magno explained. "She wanted the stories to be more in-depth."

Tinagpo clarified the program would have changes, but would "not be totally different" from the format that viewers had loved. It would have the "same basic" and "emotional elements," Magno explained. "She wanted the stories to be more in-depth."

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> "The show's top goal is for televiewers to learn something from the stories, not to make them cry. The stories will all be based on true-to-life experiences, not just of ordinary people but known personalities as well'

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Pinoy 'X Factor' and the original

NOW IT'S SET: the new "X Factor" season is being aired on local TV screens, we have the opportunity to more perceptively note how the recently concluded Filipino version of the singing-ID compares with the original.

The American "X Factor" show makes it a point to discuss only contestants singing for its judges, thus, other than Paul, the Prince "Of Swoon" departed from that golden rule by choosing some finalists who didn't sing all that well...but were more "colorful" and "controversial," and thus appealed more "quotably" to local viewers.

In their defense, the local "X Factor" judges could then "justify" "segmenting" on the morning of that mysterious element that separates the powerful star performer from everybody else. In their view, it meant not just exceptional singing prowess, but everything else that goes with stardom...charisma, unique selling proposition, a personal "something" that viewers can relate to, etc.

Of course, we disagreed and, in due time, so did the show's local version voters, as a result of which, all of the fifth-top three finalists weren't of the entirely "idiosyncratic" sort. But, for a moment there, we feared that a mediocre singer could end up as a top contender.

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Nestor U. Torre

Objectivity

Another point of departure between the two versions of "X Factor" is the American edition's greater objectivity, as compared to the local show's person/ more "personal" approach to the talents they were evaluating and mentoring. Why, some of them even broke down as they reacted to how their fates were leaning in the course of the competition—something that Simon Cowell would never dream of doing!

Yes, Cowell is quite full of himself at times, but his frame is on the acrimonious, not so frameoff. He might therefore talk so that, if the local "X Factor" UB is going to behold again, its jurors have to understand that it's about the finalists, not about them.

It's also productive to note that, even if a singing star is celebrated and vastly experienced, that doesn't necessarily make him or her an astute judge and mentor of new singing talents.

To touch well, you need to focus on your student's potential, not on your way of doing things. It may have worked for you, but your ward is another person entirely, with his own plus and minus factors. So, your to-pass song may not prove to be effective and you-duchess for him or her.

Finally there's the age factor. Aside from Charice, the local UB's jurors and mentors were decidedly on the "other" side of 30, or 40, or more, relative to the youth of many of the contestants and the show's audience; therefore, there could have been a telling disconnect.

That could explain why Charice's words tended to stir better in the competition, and the fifth-top winner was her bet.

Is there a lesson waiting to be learned there?

Fans brave cold, camp out for 'Twilight'

LOS ANGELES—Thousands of excited "Twilight" fans have been camping out to catch the last episode of the blockbuster saga—and not even chilly temperatures could cool their vampire passions.

The past few nights fans have been decidedly brisk by California standards, but that has not deterred what has become a tradition of a November tradition—a small tent city sprouting up outside the Nokia Theater in downtown LA.

"Hollywood!", "Retweeted!", "Fabulous!" The cries came from teenage fans vying to see their heroes at the red carpet...sorry, black carpet...premiere of "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2" Monday evening.

The "Twilight" tent camp began Thursday last week, with some willing to wait for days for an autograph, a photo or just a smile from the stars of the movie, the fifth and final installment of the saga.

Best location

"I was here for New Moon," 19-year-old Jessa Jones told AFP, referring to the second "Twilight" movie in 2009. "Dan was on a first come, first served basis. The next day I had a lottery, and I didn't get candy (number) 1. I'm on 6, in a packing bit," he said, visibly disappointed.

Candy (number 1, right here) to the black carpet, is clearly the new location less only because a small fraction—in six sense of terms—of the 2,100 places allocated by lottery by producers Lionsgate Summit.

Fans all over

Fans have traveled from around the world to be here. Flags from Britain, Venezuela, France, Spain, Australia and Canada hung from tents alongside posters and other kitsch knacks.

One tent is draped with white flowers in a make-shift wedding chapel for "Twilight" heroes Bella Swan (played by Kristen Stewart) and Edward Cullen (played by Robert Pattinson).

Thais Santos came from Belem in northern Brazil with her mother Maria, and was a prized place in camp number 1. Her excitement knew no bounds when three actors—not the major stars (Stewart, Pattinson and Taylor Lautner)—turned up to greet fans in the afternoon, provoking near hysteria. "It's an amazing experience. I made so many friends here. I just met the actors and that was amazing. I have autographs and everything," said the 18-year-old.

Her biggest wish is to meet Stewart, she said. "I'm crazy about her. I love her more than anything, she's my diva. I want to touch her, just to see if she's real," Santos said. "I love, love, love her. She's second."

Californian Ivana said her "hero" is Taylor Lautner, who plays shape-shifting wolf-man Jacob Black. "I've gotten a picture a few times but it's the last premiere...the last time I'm going to camp out for a movie. So hopefully I get one last one."

Mums, too

There is also a group of "Twilight Moms," Arizona Updike, 37, left her five children at home in Oregon, Utah, to come camp out in LA. "It's such a refreshing love story. I think that Edward, the character, he spoke to every woman's heart. It's the kind of communication and compassion...a lot that every woman wants," she said.

And what is she going to do once the "Twilight" saga is over? "Keep my friends and have 'Twilight' reunions all the time," she said. "And have another baby." AFP

ROBERT Pattinson and Kristen Stewart in "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2"

Celebrity makeup artists

THERE IS a spool from the old "Electric Company" TV show that I remember watching as a little girl. On a movie set, whenever the director screamed, "Makeup!" a lady with an oversized powder puff would run out of the scenes in the least.

This would go on quite a few times until the hapless chap was covered head to toes in layers of white powder. Thankfully, this didn't affect how I saw makeup in the real world.

Shifting my lens, eyeliner, blush and lipstick then, that's oversimplifying things) can be incredibly transformative, unexplicitly changing the reflection you see in the mirror. Add a orchestration of eye shadow, you can be either the girl next door getting straight As, or the cheerleader stunts girl that pushes everyone else around.

Spanish office underdogs was transform a human into a zombie, a vampire, or a werewolf. If love watching the making of Michael Jackson's "Thriller," seeing Oscar winner Rick Baker work his magic... It's making short of burning me).

It's not just about looking good. When you see someone beautiful you may mirror starting back at you, it makes you feel great.

I've had the great fortune of working with some of the most talented makeup artists, some of whom I'm lucky to call my friends (I don't mean just on Facebook). Let me introduce you to a few of them.

Jaan Serra

He is known for their drama and fresh look on faces like Judy Ann Santos and KC Concepcion. He has worked on countless advertisements, both on print and television. He won the most coveted Make-Up Artist of the Year award for his makeup on Angelica Panganiban's other for painting. And he has worked on many weddings, including my own.

I first met him when he was a production assistant on a commercial shoot I was doing. He came to my house to help me fix on clothes for the commercial. Fast-forward to many years later, and he was a makeup artist for an Avon shoot (for which we—and he did touch on amazing job).

We've collaborated quite a few times—for editorials, concerts, television appearances, advertisements... He is consistently in demand, and rightfully so. It's not just for his hands, but also for his disposition and calm demeanor.

Gela Laurel-Sorkenier

If the name is familiar, that's because she belongs to the extremely artistic Laurel clan that includes renowned fashion designer

BACKSTORY

Lea Salonga

Rajo, theater artist Victor (Gusip), singer Jed, and actress Bernice.

We first met her a year ago, and she introduced herself as Rajo's younger sister, but she quickly distinguished herself from him with her own grounded, "cowboy" personality. Her work sets range from clean to ultra glamorous, from classy fresh to sophisticated gorgeous. And she's a lot of fun to work with, as you'll see from the photos. Oh, and I forgot to mention that she is very beautiful.

Steven Dolosa

I was first introduced to Steven on the shoot for the album cover of "Inspired," so I must give credit to Stanley Chan (remember of fancy shoot, Philippines) for the hook-up. We've worked together on many more projects since, including my debut concert in Seoul, South Korea in 2008.

With a pair of seductive eyes that see the inherent beauty in the face he is about to touch, he is fantastic. He's always simply, but delicately dressed. I always find myself looking at his shoes, whether they're simple white slip-ons or patent leather red loafers.

Antonio Mastino

Antonio Mastino, better known as "Mas," is a Filipino makeup artist based in Los Angeles. He works on some of Hollywood's more familiar faces, including Christina Milian, and one of the most iconic singers, Patti Austin.

I was dating a double-bill with Miss Austin in San Francisco that I met him. His personality is loud, large and in-charge, but also humorous and down-to-earth. Our real life actually first worked together at my Christmas Concert Hall debut in 2008, and I've fallen deeper in love with his work since. It's always a riot in the dressing room, but once it's time to get to work, his game face comes on, and the result is dependably amazing.

Mine waiting for him is the launch of his own makeup line, Mainstore Cosmetics. Here's hoping he comes to our shores to share his talents and products. The man from Quezon province has most certainly done himself and his family proud.

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INVITATION TO BID
Project No. [illegible]

Unit of Measure	Qty.	Description	Approved Budget for the Contract
unit	500	Chair, Plastic, 500 liters capacity, w/ Bench Arm Color	1,000.00
pack	20	Bedsheet, w/pad, 14 liters capacity, (plain)	2,000.00

1. The Provincial Government of Bulacan, thru Annex Iran for the said project, intends to apply the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Pesos (₱658,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the contract (ABC), to cost/goods under the project for **TIN 2012 – 047 "Supply and Delivery of Agricultural Equipment"**. Any bids in excess of the ABC shall not be accepted.
2. The Provincial Government of Bulacan now invites bids for the said project. Delivery of the goods is required **(TEN (10)) Provincial Capitol, Malolos City, Cebu Bidders** shall have been constituted, within 10 years from date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract substantially as per the Bidding Documents as contained in the bidding documents, particularly in Section II Instruction to Bidders.
3. (a) Bidding will be conducted through an open competitive bidding procedure using non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".
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   (c) Interested bidders may obtain further information from the PROVINCIAL TIN Bids and Awards Committee Bid Secretariat and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
   (d) A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on **November 14 – December 3, 2012** for the amount of **Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00)** only. It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the date of the submission of their bids.
   (e) The BAC-Sec will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **November 21, 2012, 10:00 a.m.** at BAC Conference Area (Room 1002), Provincial Head Office, 10th Floor Capitol Center, 700 Shaw Blvd., Brgy. Kapitolyo, Pasig City which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.
4. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **December 4, 2012, 10:00 a.m.** All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in Instruction to Bidders **(ITB)** Clause 18.
   Bid opening shall be on **December 4, 2012, 10:00 a.m.** at the BAC Conference Area (Rm. 1002), Provincial Head Office, 10th Flr., Capitol Center, 700 Shaw Blvd., Brgy. Kapitolyo, Pasig City. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. **Late bids shall not be accepted.**
5. The bidder shall only offer 1 (one) contract unit/lot as described in the form as specified in the Instruction to Bidder Clause 10 and this Bids Board for handling and challenging of the envelopes.
6. The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
7. For further information, please refer to:

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Philhealth Head Office, Room 1002, 10th Floor, Capitolan Center Building
700 Shaw Blvd., Brgy. Kapitolyo, Pasig City
Telephone No. 441-7442 local 1812/Telefax 631-4735
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Chief Administrative Officer

PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF 4,100,000 SETS PHILHEALTH OFFICIAL RECEIPT (FOR) (ITB-NO. 2012-0-0-03)

1. The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, through the Corporate Operating Budget (COB) for 2012 intends to apply the sum of **Three Million Six Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Pesos (₱3,658,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payment(s) under the project for the Procurement of **4,100,000 sets of Philhealth Official Receipt (FOR)** (2012-0-0-03). Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening.
2. The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation now invites bids for Procurement of **4,100,000 sets of Philhealth Official Receipt (FOR)**. Delivery of Goods is required within fifteen (15) days after issuance and receipt by the winning bidder of the Notice to Proceed. Bidders should have completed, within December 1, 2010 (January 31, 2012), a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the **Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184**, otherwise known as the **"Government Procurement Reform Act"**.
   Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA 5183 and subject to Commonwealth Act 138.
   Interested bidders may obtain further information from the PhilHEALTH Bids and Awards Committee Bid Secretariat and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on **November 19 – December 3, 2012** from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of **Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00)** only. It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the date of the submission of their bids.
5. The BAC-Sec will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **November 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m.** at BAC Conference Area (Room 1002), Philhealth Head Office, 10th Floor, Capitolan Center, 700 Shaw Blvd., Brgy. Kapitolyo, Pasig City which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.
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PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF EYEWITNESS ENGINEER FOR THE PHILHEALTH RUN 2012, SINTONIEGA RUN FOR BIDYBIDAY AND CHILD PROTECTION (ITB NO. 2012-0-0-04-rev02)

1. The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, through the Corporate Operating Budget (COB) for 2012 intends to apply the sum of **Three Million Six Hundred Ninety Two Thousand and Three Hundred Pesos (₱3,692,300.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payment(s) under the project for the **Procurement of Eyewitness Engineer for the Philhealth Run 2012, Sintoniega Run for Bidyday and Child Protection (ITB No. 2012-0-0-04-02)**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening.
2. The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation now invites bids for **Procurement of Eyewitness Engineer for the Philhealth Run 2012, Sintoniega Run for Bidyday and Child Protection**. Delivery of Goods is required within fifteen (15) days after issuance and receipt by the winning bidder of the Notice to Proceed. Bidders should have completed, within December 1, 2010 (October 31, 2012), a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the **Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184**, otherwise known as the **"Government Procurement Reform Act"**.
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4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on **November 20, 2012** for the amount of **Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00)** only. It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the date of the submission of their bids.
5. The BAC-Sec will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **November 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m.** at BAC Conference Area (Room 1002), Philhealth Head Office, 10th Floor, Capitolan Center, 700 Shaw Blvd., Brgy. Kapitolyo, Pasig City which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.
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District Engineering Office
Pagadian City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Sur, through its Bids and Awards Committee, invites contractors registered with and classified by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) to apply for eligibility and to bid for the

Contract Ref. No.	08-BAC-2012-04
Name of Project	CONSTRUCTION OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CENTER ROAD (Concrete), Mahayahay and Bongbongan (Access)
Location	Provincial Government Center, Brgy. Pagadian City
Classification	Infrastructure
Funds	[illegible]
Duration of Work	1 year
Appropriation	P 14,000,000.00
Contract Duration	274 DC

Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB License registration in the contractor, trade competency under contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and have key technical and equipment capacity. **Eligibility** Forms available at the prescription of the contract. The BAC will use non-discretionary pass/fail criteria in the Eligibility Check. Subsequently as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids. The Bids will consist of post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid.

All qualified prospective bidders in Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the Republic Act No. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The schedule of BAC activities is as follows:

BAC Activities	Date	Place
Advertisement / Posting of IBB	November 9-15, 2012	PHILGEPS
Issuance of Letter of Invitation/Bid Documents/ Application for Eligibility	November 9-15, 2012	BAC Office, Provincial Government Building, Pagadian City
Issuance of Bidding Documents	November 9-23, 2012	BAC Office, Provincial Government Building, Pagadian City
Pre-Bid Conference	November 16, 2012 @ 2:00PM	2nd Floor PGO Conference Room, Capitol Building, Pagadian City, ZDS
Deadline of Submission of Bids	November 23, 2012 @ 2:00PM	2nd Floor PGO Conference Room, Capitol Building, Pagadian City, ZDS

The BAC will issue a prospective bidder Checklist of Eligibility Requirements. **The BAC Secretariat Office, Capitol Bldg., Pagadian City**, upon valid submission of a **Letter of Intent** and a non-refundable fee of **P10,000.00**. Prospective bidders shall submit their Eligibility Requirements to the BAC at the venue and address on **November 9 - 23, 2012 @ 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** for eligibility screening. Only bids based on the results of the Eligibility Check by the BAC at the same address.

The BAC will issue Bidding Documents only to bidders declared by the BAC to be eligible for the bidding upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Php 10,000.00** corresponding to the cost of the bidding documents.

The Pre-Bid conference will be on **November 16, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.** at Provincial Governor's Office Conference Room, 2nd Floor Capitol Building and shall be mandatory only for prospective bidders who have submitted **Letter of Intent** and purchased the Bidding Documents.

All bids must be accompanied by **valid Security** in a form of cash or cashier's check, equivalent to 2% and surety bond equivalent to 5% of the ABC, and valid for at least **120 days** from the date of the opening of bids.

The Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Sur reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive the bidding process, and to accept or bid as it may deem best to maintain utmost ethical thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

Approved by:

(Sgd.) **LOEL M. GARCILANO JR. (RAM)**
BAC Provincial Chairman

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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR
Cabarroguis, Quirino

INVITATION TO BID
(Project No. 07-1-001)

1. The Provincial Government of Quirino, through its annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 2012-01 intends to apply the sum of Php 9,000,000.00 being the amount allocated for the Construction of Provincial Capitol Building Phase I, Brgy. Poblacion, Cabarroguis, Quirino and Delivery of Audio Board, one Passive Ambulance with Board and one Audio Video and Projector System, Engineering Furniture with Accessories and Fabrication of Steel Gate and Fence, Cabarroguis, Quirino and intends to apply the sum of Php 2,000,000.00 being the amount allocated for the Construction of Provincial Capitol Building Phase I, Brgy. Poblacion

OBITUARIES

Thank you for the memories that we have shared with us during our time of grief and in celebrating our beloved

GEORGE Q. SUPINA

February 14, 1950 - November 11, 2012

We deeply patronize for all those who offered flowers and prayers, condolences and for your sympathy.

Cremation will be on November 16, 2012, 8:00 a.m. at the Public Service Crematorium.

Gerarda (Ading) T. Sampaga

Widow of Col. Buco Sibuatan V. Sampaga, passed away last November 11, 2012, aged 93 years, at Mabini Manor, NY, USA.

She is survived by children **Armando & Estrellita, Roberto & Rebecca, Herman & Estrella, Rosanna, Christopher†, Gertrude & Marlon** and **Violet & Miguel**, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me will never die."
John 11:25-26

TERESA ROSELYN "CHERRY" SALVIO-MACARAIG

has joined our Creator on November 11, 2012 at the age of 47.

Her bereaved husband **Modardo**; daughters, **Anna Patricia** and **Raissa Marie**; parents, **Enrique Jr.** and **Rosario Salvio**; brothers, **Enrique Jay III** and **Rean Enrico Salvio**; in-laws, nephews and nieces request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Superior Chapel of La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City. Funeral Masses will be on Friday, November 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., with both masses also at the Superior Chapel of La Funeraria Paz.

Interment will follow on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Heritage Park, Taguig City.

LT. DOMINADOR APDAL ARANGEL (RET.)

Died in the Grace of our Lord on November 12, 2012 at the age of 89.

His remains lie in state at Sarah Chapel, St. Peter Memorial Chapel, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on November 16, 2012, 3:00 pm at Himalayan Memorial Park, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

The family requests the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

ST. PETER CHAPELS

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in You."
– Psalm 56:3

Mario P. Ceron

Our Loved One Creator on November 10, 2012 at the age of 63

His remains lie in state at St. Peter Memorial Chapel, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on November 17, 2012, 1:00 pm at Heritage Park.

The family requests the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

ST. PETER CHAPELS

"You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory." – Psalm 73:24

ILUMINADA CHAVEZ RAMOS

Has joined our Creator on November 12, 2012 at the age of 76.

Her remains lie in state at St. Peter Memorial Chapel, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on November 17, 2012, 9:00 am at Cane to Heaven, Mexico, Pampanga.

The family requests the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

ST. PETER CHAPELS

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– 2 Timothy 4:8

ANTONIO YATCO MUÑOZ

was called home to the Lord on November 13, 2012 at the age of 75.

He shall be missed by his dearest wife, **Milady**; and children **Jake & Steve, Chelle & Allie** and **Mike**; grandchildren, **Jaime** and **Anne** and relatives.

His remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, Inc., 12 G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

Interment will be on November 17, 2012 (Saturday), at Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque, 2:00 p.m.

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INVITATION TO BID

Proposed Completion of Two (2) Storey Division Office Building

1. The Department of Education Kamuning City Division, through the Government of the Philippines General Appropriations Act (GAA) intends to apply the sum of **Php 5,000,000.00** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Proposed Completion of Two (2) Storey Division Office Building. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening.
2. The Department of Education Kamuning City Division now invites bids for the Proposed Completion of Two (2) Storey Division Office Building. Completion of the Works is required **730 Calendar Days**. Bidders should have completed, within the **730 days** from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as defined in the Philippine Bidding Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".
4. Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/nationals, partnerships, or organizations with at least seventy five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines.
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Department of Education Kamuning City Division and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays except Holidays.
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9. The Department of Education Kamuning City Division reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
10. For further information, please refer to:

    Maricel Abalos
    BAC Chairman
    City CID Kamuning City Division
    Rizal Street, Central District Kamuning
    Kamuning City
    Telefax: (082) 2304-764

(Sgd.) **MARIO M. MADRIGAL**
BAC Chairman

PR No. 10-2012

Republika ng Pilipinas
Kagawaran ng Edukasyon
Rehiyon III
SANGAY NG PAMPANGA LUNGSOD
Lungsod ng Kabalantian

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INVITATION TO BID

Proposed Two (2) Storey Six (6) Classroom School Building

1. The Department of Education Kamuning City Division, through the Government of the Philippines General Appropriations Act (GAA) intends to apply the sum of **Php 1,645,000.00** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Proposed Completion of Two (2) Storey Six (6) Classroom School Building. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening.
2. The Department of Education Kamuning City Division now invites bids for the Proposed Completion of Two (2) Storey Six (6) Classroom School Building. Completion of the Works is required **150 calendar days**. Bidders should have completed, within the **150 days** from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.
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PR No. 10-2012

BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the transaction stated:

Name of Project/Brief Description:	One (1) lot supply and delivery of the following: Jewel Tray Cabinets, Wall Display Cabinets, Wall Hanging Display Cabinets, Bus Box and Packaging Specifications
	10 units – 2-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinet 21 units – 4-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinet 200 units – 5-Drawer Lateral Filing Cabinet 7-8 units – Steel Locker
Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC):	Php 6,000,000
Delivery Period:	Within ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of a copy of the Executed Purchase Order

Bidders should have completed a similar transaction/s equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC. The Eligibility Check, Screening and Post Qualification of Bids shall also be discretionary "passed/ failed." The qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conclusive.

To participate, bidders must submit their Technical and Financial Proposals in accordance with the following Conditions, Evaluation of Bids, Post-qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions in Republic Act No. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

	Activities	Schedule
	Secretariat's Office Documents	**Starting 15 November 2012** **Until 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. only (Philippine Time)** **Room 310, 3rd Floor, Para-Bisikleta Building, A. Mabini corner F. Ongpin St. Binondo, Manila, Manila** **Tel. no. 708-7701 local 2208** **and Fax No. 708-7707**
1.	Pre-Bid Conference	**19 November 2012, 10:00 A.M. - APPLY**
2.	Opening of Bids	**10 December 2012, 2:00 P.M. - MEDIA**
3.	BAC Evaluation	Within ninety (90) calendar days from the scheduled submission of bids as stated in ITB 8 & GCC 10.1
4.	Post-qualification	
5.	Notice of Award	

The ITB and Checklist of Requirements for Bidders may be downloaded from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and any BSP website, subject to the guidelines and restrictions prescribed by the PhilGEPS. The complete set of the Bidding Documents may be purchased from the address below upon payment of a fee of **Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00)** per set. The fee is non-refundable but in the amount or Proceeds to Bid.

Only bidders who have paid for the Bidding Documents shall be allowed to submit a bid or submit written queries or clarifications.

The BSP assumes no responsibility whatsoever in connection with or liability for any delay in the submission of the application or bid.

The BSP reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to declare the bidding a failure, or to cancel the invitation or annul the bidding process, and to reject at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder. Furthermore, the BSP reserves the right not to award any contract if the price of the proposed most advantageous bid is unreasonable.

(Sgd.) **BANGUN V. SOMBAO**
Chairman

PR No. 12-0012

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NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION/S FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT/S (AEP/S)

Notice is hereby given that the following companies/employers have filed with this Regional Office applications for Alien Employment Permits:

Name and Address of Company/Employer	Name of Foreign National/ Citizenship	Position
MR. PARK'S BREAD & CAKE CORPORATION No. 265 Aguirre Ave., BF Homes, Parañaque City	Sunghyun Park Korean	Baker
MILLENNIUM LEGACY ALLIANCE (MILLAC) CORP. 1 Santiago St., Linguman, Intramuros City	Jing Yang Chinese	Technician
HAINAN TRADING CO. 345 San Fernando St. Binondo, Manila	Shiwu Shi Chinese	Sales Manager
HINO MOTORS PHILS. INC. Unit 1606-1607 Tower One Ayala Triangle Bldg., Ayala Ave., Cor. Lorenzo Village, Makati City	Takeshi Aoki Japanese	Regional Sales Office Manager
GENPACT SERVICES LLC 3/F Genpact Bldg., 1000 Gilcom Cmes, Northgate Cyberzone, Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City	Esmond Lewis Indian	Senior Manager – Human Resources
TECH MAHINDRA LIMITED 3/F Antonbrown Bldg., #1 Eastwood Ave., Eastwood City Cyberpark, Brgy. Bagumbayan, Quezon City	Venkata Satyanarayana Mukkina Kant Indian	Technical Associate
TECH MAHINDRA LIMITED 3/F Antonbrown Bldg., #1 Eastwood Ave., Eastwood City Cyberpark, Brgy. Bagumbayan, Quezon City	Girish Kumar Thalin Kandu Indian	Technical Associate
INSIGHT FREIGHT (CHE SERVICE (UMITED), INC. 6/F King's Court II Bldg., 2129 Chino Roces Ave., Makati City	Zhenzhou Zhou Chinese	Secretary General
LOGICA (PHILIPPINES), INC. 3/F One World Square, McKinley Hill, Taguig City	Christina Maria Engel-Sysantson Norwegian	Service Desk Analyst
LOGICA (PHILIPPINES), INC. 3/F One World Square, McKinley Hill, Taguig City	Marie-Denise Nuero-Matussen Norwegian	Service Desk Analyst
MAGNUS METALLURGICAL MINING INC. 16 Timog Ave., Ridgeview 4, Quezon City	Yuyunzhu Chinese	Marketing Officer
MAGNUS METALLURGICAL MINING INC. 16 Timog Ave., Ridgeview 4, Quezon City	Hongguo Hu Chinese	Marketing Officer
MAGNUS METALLURGICAL MINING INC. 16 Timog Ave., Ridgeview 4, Quezon City	Wenqi Zhang Chinese	Marketing Officer
LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS (ASIA) LIMITED 19/F LV Locsin Bldg., 6752 Ayala cor. Makati Avenue, Makati City	Mark Joseph Dykgraaf Australian	MEP Manager
TOTAL (PHILIPPINES) CORPORATION Penthouse/Pinpin Corporate Center, 1012 Triangle Drive, North Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City	Antoine Benoit Jacques Pierre Ghislain Kolbiak Belgian	Vice Corporate Affairs
TECH MAHINDRA LIMITED 3/F Antonbrown Bldg., #1 Eastwood Ave. Eastwood City Cyberpark, Brgy. Bagumbayan, Quezon City	Sri Kumar Chinnam Indian	Technical Associate
HAO YING SOLUTIONS, INC. 21/F The Enterprise Center, 6766 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Minghua Huang Chinese	Finance Customer Service
BRIGHT LEISURE MANAGEMENT INC. 16/F NECC Bldg., Newport Blvd., Newport, Pasay City	Kurt Vinthavichong Wee Tan Malaysian	Business Development Manager
BRIGHT LEISURE MANAGEMENT INC. 16/F NECC Bldg., Newport Blvd., Newport, Pasay City	Chen Zheng Chinese	VP Hotel
LOGICA (PHILIPPINES), INC. 3/F One World Square, McKinley Hill, Taguig City	Tommy Ragnvald Ingemar Gustafsson Sandvik Swedish	HRSS Content Centre Multilingual
HAO YING SOLUTIONS, INC. 21/F The Enterprise Center, 6766 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Feng Cheng Chinese	Finance Customer Service
HAO YING SOLUTIONS, INC. 21/F The Enterprise Center, 6766 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Feiying Mo Chinese	Finance Customer Service
HAO YING SOLUTIONS, INC. 21/F The Enterprise Center, 6766 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Zheng Zhong Chinese	Customer Service Personnel
HAO YING SOLUTIONS, INC. 21/F The Enterprise Center, 6766 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Yanshan Zhang Chinese	Customer Service Personnel
HAO YING SOLUTIONS, INC. 21/F The Enterprise Center, 6766 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Bin Li Chinese	Customer Service Personnel
INTERACTIVE BUSINESS NETWORK ALLIANCE, INC. Level 17, Tower 1, The Fort Bonifacio Center, 9th Ayala Ave. cor. Rizal Dr. Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City	Chia Wei Ping Malaysian	Customer Support Officer
ABP (PHILIPPINES), INC. 8/F NCBC Plaza Tower 2, Ayala Ave., Makati City	Michael Stephen Hunt American	Business Process Mentor / Trainer
BON FUSION INC. Lot 30-1 Westgate Filinvest Corporate Center, Alabang, Muntinlupa City	Xiangang Liu Chinese	Specialty Food Chef

Name and Address of Company/Employer	Name of Foreign National/ Citizenship	Position
BE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORP. 2295 Arellano St. cor. S. Francisco Street, Brgy. 701, Zone 086, Sta. Ana, Manila	Harendra Kaur Gill Indian	Office Staff
QEVELLE SUPREME PHILIPPINES, INC. Banyan Cross Bldg., 16 West Service Road, Parañaque City	Lanti Indonesian	Country Manager
FOOTSTEPS PHILIPPINES, INC. 6/F PBCom Tower, 6795 Ayala Ave. cor. V.A. Rufino St., Makati City	Tsubasa Ebata Japanese	Technical Consultant
FOOTSTEPS PHILIPPINES, INC. 6/F PBCom Tower, 6795 Ayala Ave. cor. V.A. Rufino St., Makati City	Eito Tanimura Japanese	Technical Consultant
DAI-ICHI FISHPLANT LIMITED 5/F PBCom Tower, 6795 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Trang Thi Huyen Nguyen Vietnamese	Vietnamese-language Customer Service Officer
DAI-ICHI FISHPLANT LIMITED 5/F PBCom Tower, 6795 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Wahyang Ngingo Kamandoo Indonesian	Bilikasi Indonesia-language Customer Service Officer
DAI-ICHI FISHPLANT LIMITED 5/F PBCom Tower, 6795 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Nowalia Indonesian	Bilikasi Indonesia-language Customer Service Officer
LOGICA (PHILIPPINES), INC. 3/F One World Square, McKinley Hill, Taguig City	Malvin Jonnestan Ignacio Gayle Norwegian	Service Desk Analyst
LOGICA (PHILIPPINES), INC. 3/F One World Square, McKinley Hill, Taguig City	Per Ortar Kildebraten Swedish	Service Desk Analyst
LOGICACMG, INC. 3/F One World Square, McKinley Hill, Taguig City	Bjorn-Ake Nodeas Norwegian	2nd Line Service Desk Support
ETRADE INFORMATION SERVICES LLC** 18/F Pacific Star Bldg., Makati Ave. cor. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City	Neal Anton Martin American	Site Director
AMDOCS PHILIPPINES INC. 14/F Net Cube Center, 30 Ave. cor. 30th St., E-Square Zone Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City	Kristen Lammersdijgel American	Subject Matter Expert
PHILACOR CORP. 6/F 148 This "I" Tower Condominium, P. Burgos St., Poblacion, Makati City	S Jo Han Korean	Assistant General Manager
MR. PARK'S BREAD & CAKE CORPORATION No. 265 Aguirre Ave., BF Homes, Parañaque City	Jin Kyung Yoo (spouse of YANG) Korean	Operation Manager
FIRST PI MINTJOBS CORPORATION 2/F Georgina Bldg., Exchange Road cor. Meralco Ave., Pasig City	Kah Luang Tan Singaporean	Senior Vice President - Business Development and Sourcing
HANSOO TOURS CORP. 6/F Cebu Citidrive Bldg., Gil Puyat Ave. cor. Salcedo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City	Haesung Yun Korean	Assistant Operation Manager
DOM AGTHINJA IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT INC. Unit 2409 Herrera Towers Rufino St. cor. Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City	Sung Hun Hong Korean	General Manager
DEF PHILIPPINES, INC. Unit 606 SEDCO-1 Bldg., cor. Rada & Legaspi Sts., Legaspi Vill., Makati City	Chi-Hsiang Lin Taiwanese	Regional Marketing Manager
SEAFAC PHILIPPINES INC. 15 Perfecto Drive, Bgy. Bonanza, Taguig City	Derek John Carreon British	Project Site Manager
ENDUSERSIDE INC. UNIT 21-C & 31-E, THE Chatham House 116 Valero St. cor. Alfonso St., Salcedo Village, Makati City	Vincent Preston Duke American	Software Development Senior Architect
PARTY CRITICAS INC. 4/F Dragonfly Building, Jose Maria Escriva Drive, Ayala Technohub, Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Moon Sik Jung Korean	Account Manager
PHILIPPINE KOREA EDUCATION (PHILS.), INC. 3/A Sayon Bldg., 69 Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City	Sodhi Singh Indian	Sales Representative

If you have any information/objection to the above-mentioned applications, please communicate with the Regional Director.

ERRATUM

In the ad Notice of Filing of Application for Alien Employment Permit published on November 12, 2013, the name in the applicant of **MACEDA VILLACRUZ & CO.** should have been read as **Mr. Yoshida Koga** and not as published, while in the application published on November 14, 2013, the name of the company of Mr. Yi Qi should have been read as **SCISSHIDA RESTAURANT** and not as published.

ATTY. ALAN M. MACEDA, CESO III
Regional Director

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DOLE-NCR-10-13-2013

QUEZON II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Brgy. Kumintang Ibaba, Quezon
Tel. No. (042)8432345, Telefax No. (042)8432345

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Quezon II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (QUELCO II) invites prospective contractors with prior accreditation by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) to apply for eligibility and to submit sealed bid proposals for the following:

Name of Contract	Electrification of Sitio Dr. Ramos, Barangay Kumintang Ibaba, Quezon
Location	Barangay Quezon
Source of Fund	NEA 2013 Sitio Electrification Project – Batch I
Approved Budget for the Contract	PHP 3,672,000.00

To be considered, interested bidders must submit the original or certified true copy or xerox copy of their valid and current PCAB License and Certificate of Registration for the bid to win a contracting capacity in the classification of projects distributed thereunder, their Mayor's/Business Permit, Tax Clearance per Executive Order 398, Series of 2005, Audited Financial Statements stamped received by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institutions for the preceding calendar year, Net Financial Contracting Capability (NFCC) computation certificate, Audited Financial Statements stamped received by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institutions for the preceding calendar year, and other documents prescribed by the PCAB in the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) Updated Consolidated Guidelines on Processing of Contractors' Licenses, Registration and Categorization, Upgrading of Financial Classification, Issuance of Special Permits, Amendments, Conversion and Renewal of Licenses.

All prospective bidders in Eligibility Assessment and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Guarantee, Pre-Bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

The schedule of Bids activities are as follows:

ITEM / ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME & VENUE
Publication of Invitation to Bid	Nov. 15 & 22, 2013	
Issuance of Bid Documents to Bidders (non-refundable fee of P1,000.00)	November 15, 2013	8:00 am – 5:00pm (Secretariat's Office)
Eligibility Check	November 20, 2013	10:00 AM (Secretariat's Office)
Pre-Bid Conference	November 20, 2013	10:00 AM (Secretariat's Office)
Receipt and Opening of Bids	December 4, 2013	10:00 AM (Secretariat's Office)

Bids Inspection must be conducted by Interested Bidders before the Pre-Bid Conference.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the above-stated dates from the QUELCO II Secretariat's Office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 and upon payment of a corresponding fee for the cost of reproduction and mailing, if the bidder is a farm or open, certified bona, custom's check, manager's check or cash draft in the Philippine peso currency, or bids.

Quelco II reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality therein, or to accept the bid as it may deem best to the interest of the Cooperative.

Engr. **MA. LORNA ANLA**
PBAC Chairman

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE
Bids and Awards Committee
Revenue Region No. 10
Tagaytay-Cavite

INVITATION TO BID FOR SECURITY SERVICES

Public Bidding No. 2013-003

- The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), through the General Appropriations Act and/or FY 2013 Corporate Operating Budget of the Law, intends to apply the sum of **Two Million Four Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Pesos Only (₱2,498,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to purchase the contract for the Security Services for the year 2014. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
- The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), now invites bids from eligible bidders for the procurement of the Security Services for the Revenue Offices under the Revenue District Offices (RDO) Tagaytay City (covered within Revenue District Office No. 43), Tagaytay City (covered within Revenue District Office No. 44), Cavite City (covered within Revenue District Office No. 45) and Trece Martires City (covered within Revenue District Office No. 46) as per Terms of Reference contained in Section VII of the Bidding Documents and Instruction to Bidders.
- Bidding will be conducted through open and competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Act, and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) ownership capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Section 23.4.1.3 of the IRR of RA No. 9184 and subject to Post-Qualification pursuant to Section 34 of the IRR of RA No. 9184.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat, first floor, main conference room at the address given below from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. **November 15, 2013** to **December 2, 2013**.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the stated address and upon valid payment to the BIR Cashier in the amount of ₱1,000.00 during the above-stated dates and time.
- The BIR will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **November 25**, 8:30 a.m. at the Conference Room, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Revenue Region No. 10, No. 31 Regaspi-Ortigas Road, Tagaytay City, Tagaytay-Cavite which shall be open to all prospective bidders who have purchased the Bidding Documents.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **December 9, 2013, 9:00** a.m. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18. Bid opening shall be on **December 9, 2013** at 9:30 a.m. at the Conference Room, BIR Regional Office, 2nd Floor, BIR Bldg., No. 31, Regaspi-Road, RDO, Cubao, Tagaytay City, Tagaytay-Cavite. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend the activity. Late bids shall be automatically rejected.
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- For further information, please refer to:

BAC Secretariat
Mr. Ric Jon Gilbo
Bureau of Internal Revenue
Ground Floor, BIR Regional Office
No. 31, Regaspi-Road, Cubao, Tagaytay City

(SGD.) **LORELEI O. VERA**
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PEO - Nov. 15, 2013)